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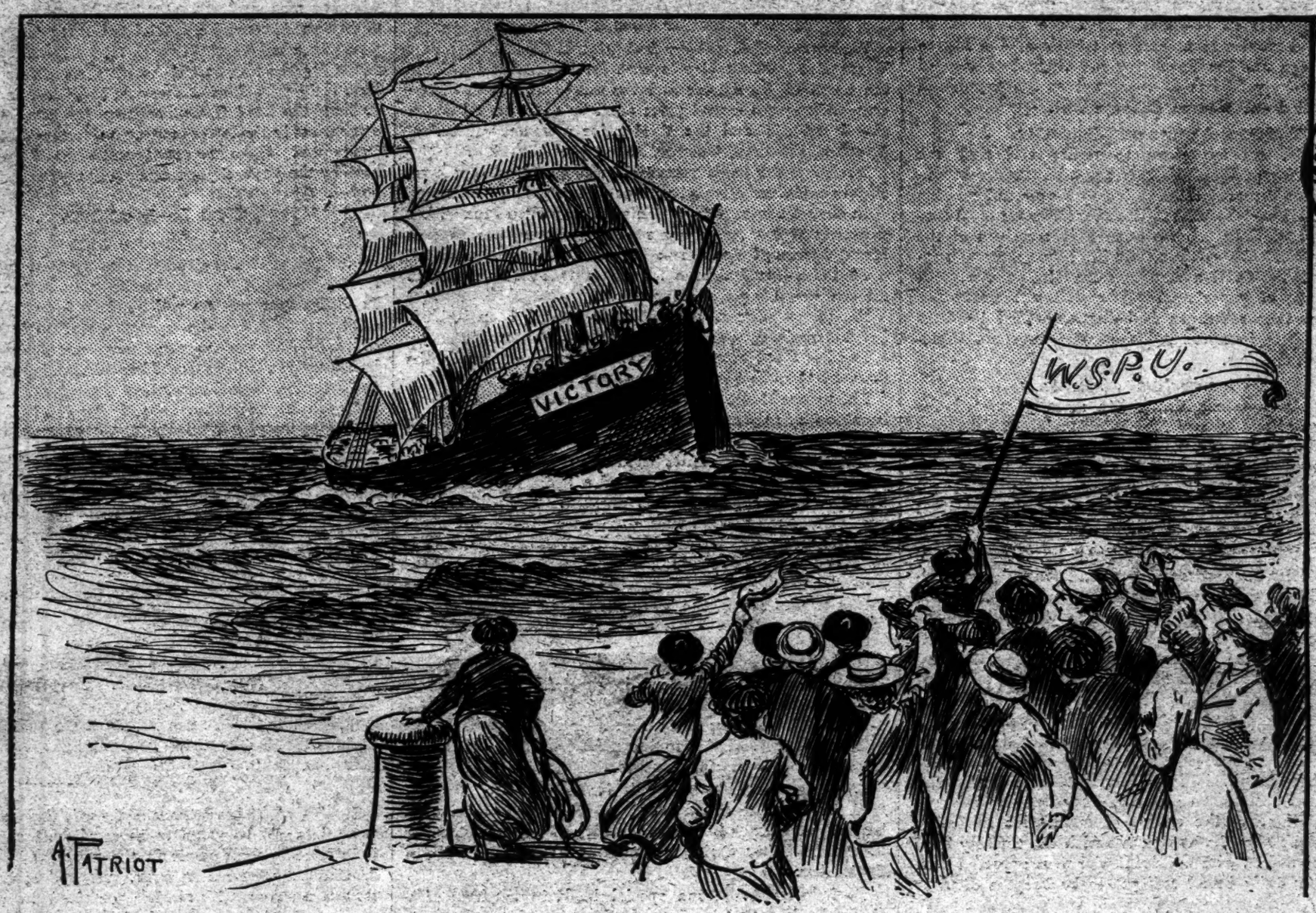

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

An important change has come over the Parliamentary situation in consequence of the announcement of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on Thursday in last week. Previous to that, it will be remembered, he had declined to fix an early date for the second reading of the Woman Suffrage Bill; if this attitude had been adhered to it would have shown that the intention of the Government was to delay the discussion until it was too late to proceed with the further stages this Session. On Thursday, however, the Prime Minister announced that Monday, July 11, and also, provided the promoters so desired, Tuesday, July 12, would be devoted to the second reading debate.

The Prospect.

By the provision of two days before the middle of July for the second reading, it may now be taken as certain that a division will be secured, and the way made clear for further progress. As the House will probably rise on Tuesday, July 26, there will remain, after the division has been taken, two weeks in which the necessary stages must be carried through Parliament. This time, though none too long, is sufficiently long for the purpose, provided there is no deliberate obstruction by the Government.

The Second Reading.

The first essential is to secure an overwhelming majority for the second reading. This will undoubtedly be the case, provided members of Parliament realise that no excuse will be accepted for failure to support the measure. The Bill is a compromise which those who favour Adult Suffrage and those who oppose Adult Suffrage can equally loyally accept; it neither necessarily involves a further extension of the franchise, nor does it permanently block the way against it. A rumour appeared in *The Standard* of Wednesday last that Mr. Lloyd George proposed to vote and speak against the Bill. We cannot believe that there is any foundation for this rumour. The Chancellor of the Exchequer would be accepting a very serious responsibility were he thus to damage the chances of the measure upon which the hopes of women are set. Women would not accept from Mr. Lloyd George the excuse that he opposed the Bill because it falls short of Adult Suffrage, while such well-known adultists as Mr. Shackleton and Mr. Snowden are prepared to give it their support.

The Next Step.

It is not enough that M.P.'s should vote for the second reading; they must also take such steps as will secure that the further stages can be dealt with before the House rises for the summer. By the rules of the House of Commons, a Bill after the second reading has been carried, is normally "sent upstairs to a Grand Committee." The advantage of this step is that as the "Grand Committee upstairs" sits during the days that the House of Commons as a whole is sitting and transacting other business, the Committee stage of the measure can be proceeded with without special facilities being granted. The Bill does not then come again before the whole House until the Report stage is reached. But though this is the *normal* procedure, the House of Commons may, by a direct vote following upon the second reading, decide that the different course of "committing the Bill to the whole House" be followed. This would mean that the Committee stage of the Bill could only proceed if special facilities were granted. It is therefore of the utmost importance that any such motion to "commit the Bill to the whole House" shall be resisted and defeated; and the votes of members of Parliament on this question will be scrutinised by women with equal care with the votes on the second reading itself. This point is dealt with at greater length by Miss Christabel Pankhurst in our leading article this week.

Final Stages.

Assuming that the Committee stage is "taken upstairs in Grand Committee," the discussion can begin there on Wednesday, July 13, and ought not to last for more than one week at most. It will then be brought back to the whole House, and the Report stage and third reading will have to be taken and the Bill will have to be passed through the House of Lords. Those who are acquainted with Parliamentary business will realise that there is no real reason why these final stages should not be carried through in the week that will still remain before Parliament rises for the summer recess.

Another Great Demonstration.

The Women's Social and Political Union have decided to press forward by every means in their power the progress of the Bill, and just as the great procession and meeting of June 18 were largely instrumental in securing the second reading, so further demonstrations may be

required to carry through the later stages. For this purpose great meetings throughout the country have been arranged, culminating in a monster demonstration in Hyde Park on Saturday, July 23, preceded by two great processions, which, starting from the Westminster Embankment and Holland Park respectively, will march to Hyde Park on that day. Inside the Park a larger area than ever before, even larger than that used on the great June 21, 1908, will be brought into requisition, and from some forty platforms Woman Suffrage speakers will address the crowds.

Everyone Must March.

No one who has the cause of Woman Suffrage at heart can afford to be absent from any part of the proceedings on that day. Every woman who marched on June 18 must be prepared to march again on the afternoon of July 23. Not only so, but she must on this occasion bring several others with her, so that a still greater number of processionists may take part. Special arrangements are being made to secure an enormous sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN on that day, and 250 volunteers are required. Invitations have been sent to all the Suffrage societies to co-operate with the W.S.P.U. in this great demonstration, and at the time of going to press a large number have signified their intention of doing so. July 23 has to stand out as the day which finally carried the Woman Suffrage Bill.

Trafalgar Square next Saturday.

Meanwhile, we are given to understand that the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies are organising another demonstration prior to the second reading debate. This will be held in Trafalgar Square on Saturday afternoon, July 9. We hope that members of the W.S.P.U. will take every means in their power to support this demonstration and to secure its success. A special corps of paper sellers who will sell VOTES FOR WOMEN on that afternoon is being organised by Miss Ainsworth. Volunteers are requested to enrol themselves without delay.

£50 for our Prize Scheme.

The hearty response which has already greeted the publication of our scheme for the extension of the circulation of VOTES FOR WOMEN encourages us to believe that the results will be very valuable. We have pleasure in announcing this week further particulars with regard to the scheme, including the selection of the principal prizes, which in total value amount to £50.

Women Under the Poor Law.

The Mile End Guardians are considering the appointment of an assistant relieving officer, who is to report chiefly on the cases of widows, and to give them advice as to the care of children and the home. On the grounds that a woman would be best qualified for this work, and would, moreover, not be so easily imposed upon, and would also be more economical, the Guardians suggest that a female relieving officer should be appointed. The need for such women officials who could visit cases in every Union, and advise on the matter of out-relief, has been strongly emphasised in an appendix to the Report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Law by Miss G. Harlock. During the course of exhaustive inquiries, Miss Harlock says she was struck with the terribly hard position of women with children, who were expected both to earn the daily bread and yet to be keepers of their homes.

Wage-earner and Home-keeper.

One case investigated by her was commented on by Mrs. Pankhurst at the Queen's Hall meeting. A woman whose husband was in hospital as the result of an accident applied for out-relief. The Guardians, however, told her to "work for herself." She had four children, one only eighteen months old. The Guardians offered to take the baby from her, but she declined. She and her two boys, aged fourteen and twelve, are now working hard at a mill. Their combined efforts bring in 23s. a week, of which 5s. goes for rent and 3s. 6d. for the minding of the baby. It is no wonder, as Miss Harlock writes, that this woman is overwhelmed with the task of earning the money and yet keeping her family respectable. Miss Harlock says: "If she goes to the bad it will simply be force of circumstances which will have sent her there. If the Poor Law could have helped her adequately she would have been a good citizen herself, and would have brought up her children to be the same. She is a good and competent woman in the process of being crushed by her misfortunes." This, it must be remembered, is but one case out of thousands, and shows again how under the law, in which she has had no voice, woman is even more hardly treated than man.

Our Next Number.

When our next issue is published the second reading of the Suffrage Bill will be over, and our readers will be glad to know that we have arranged to give a full report of the debate in the House of Commons. In addition to this, several pages will be devoted to the details of arrangements of the great processions and demonstration on July 23. The number will, therefore, be increased in size, and in view of its importance our readers are asked to order extra copies, and to circulate it as widely as possible.

Item of Interest.

In New Zealand, where all women have the vote, a Bill for giving State aid in maternity cases is now before the legislature.

Reports of the splendid meetings held at St. James's Hall and Queen's Hall will be found on page 670.

£50 IN PRIZES.

Summer Competition to Increase the Circulation of "Votes for Women."

While women are confidently looking to members of Parliament to carry into law during the next few weeks the Women's Enfranchisement Bill, the editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN are looking to their readers to assist them in placing the circulation of the paper in an impregnable position, so that when women have got the vote the Women's Social and Political Union may be supported in its campaign of reform by an organ with a circulation fully worthy of the sacrifices which have been made.

During July and the two succeeding months a special summer competition is being carried out, particulars of which we were able to announce last week. A number of women have already announced their intention of taking part in the competition. If you who read these lines have not already commenced there is still time to begin, but each day that you delay makes it more difficult for you to win one of the prizes.

Two "Votes for Women" Bicycles.

We have decided that the first prize in class A shall be a VOTES FOR WOMEN bicycle with an inscription including the name of the winner and the date and nature of the competition; the second prize shall be a gun-metal watch also inscribed; and the third prize a bound volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN, October, 1909-September, 1910.

In class B the three prizes will also be a bicycle, a gun-metal watch, and a bound volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

In class C the captain of the winning pitch will receive a gun-metal watch and every regular seller at her pitch a bound volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN, the second prize will consist of a bound volume for the captain and a memento for every regular seller at her pitch.

The prizes in class D and E have not yet been decided, but will probably take the form of shields inscribed.

In class F the winner will receive a gun-metal watch, the second a bound volume of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

The nature of the mementoes in each class has not yet been decided; we are open to suggestions from our readers as to what these should be.

Altogether it is anticipated that the prizes and mementoes will cost over £50, and a special prize fund is therefore being opened for this purpose. The editors have decided to head the list with a promise of £10, and other donations or promises are invited. They should be sent to The Editors, VOTES FOR WOMEN, and headed "Prize Fund."

The particulars of the competition, as announced last week, are as follows:—

Class A.—Obtaining New Subscribers.

First and foremost attention is directed to securing new permanent subscribers to the paper who will either order VOTES FOR WOMEN regularly from their newsagents, or who will send a subscription to the publishers to have it sent direct by post from Clements Inn.

The competition in class A is for those who obtain and send to the Circulation Manager, 4, Clements Inn, the largest number of orders either to newsagents or to the Publisher during the months of July, August and September.

To help competitors a special book, in the form of a cheque book, containing ten order forms, has been prepared. These books can be obtained free at all the W.S.P.U. shops and meetings, or will be sent to anyone post free on application. Instructions for use will be found inside each book. The order forms are to be posted to the Circulation Manager, VOTES FOR WOMEN, 4, Clements Inn, as they are filled in. In October a complete list of all competitors with the number of orders sent in during the three months will be given. To the three highest there will be awarded first, second, and third prizes. In addition a memento will be presented to *all* competitors who send in over ten order forms and a special memento to *all* who send in over twenty.

It is to be understood that the order forms are from those who have not previously been getting their papers regularly from any other source, but additional copies ordered by subscribers for themselves or their friends or by the competitor herself may properly be put on the order form. All orders must be for not less than six months.

Class B.—Individual Selling.

Class B is a competition of individual sellers. There will be three prizes, first, second and third, which will be awarded to the sellers who dispose of the largest number of copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN during the months of July, August and September. Mementoes will also be given to everyone who disposes of over 500, and special mementoes to everyone who disposes of over 1,000 copies altogether during the three months. The papers may be sold to personal friends, or by personal canvass, or at pitches or otherwise in the streets, or at out-door meetings of the W.S.P.U., but not at indoor meetings of the W.S.P.U.

Copies may be obtained either direct from the Publisher, 4, Clements Inn, or from Mrs. Knight, or Miss Ainsworth, at 156, Charing Cross Road, or from an organiser of the W.S.P.U., or from the captain of a pitch, or from a local Union secretary, or from the organiser of an out-door meeting, or from any other responsible person.

Those competing should obtain a special card, which is now ready and can be obtained at all shops or meetings or by post from the Publisher, VOTES FOR WOMEN. On this card they should mark each week separately the number of copies supplied from 156, Charing Cross Road, and those copies which they obtain from some other person. In the latter case the initials of that person for every such set of copies are required. All copies must be sold during July, August and September, and must be paid for either at the time, or at the latest before October 7.

It is understood that the prizes are given for individual selling, and therefore two or more sellers must not combine together to aggregate their total, but one individual may herself purchase and give away copies if she pleases.

Class C.—Pitch Selling.

Class C is a competition for Pitch Captains. Two prizes will be given for the captains at whose pitches the largest aggregate number of VOTES FOR WOMEN are disposed of during the months July, August and September. Mementoes will also be presented to all who dispose of an aggregate of more then 3,000 and a special memento to those who dispose of an aggregate of more than 5,000. Copies of the paper for the pitch must be obtained either direct from Mrs. Knight or Miss Ainsworth, 156, Charing Cross Road, or from the local Union, or from the Country Campaign centre, but in the latter cases an exact record of the number taken and those returned must be kept each week both by the pitch captain and by the person supplying the copies.

Class D.—Local Unions.

Class D is a competition for local Unions. First and second prizes will be given for the largest aggregate sales by local Unions during the months July, August and September. In addition a memento will be given to every local Union selling over 5,000 and a special memento to those selling over 10,000 during the three months. The numbers must be the aggregate net sales of the thirteen issues from July 1 to September 23 inclusive.

In calculating net sales the aggregate of all returns sent in before October 7 will be deducted from the aggregate of numbers taken. But up to July 14 local Unions may send in returns of back numbers previous to July 1 which will not be counted among the returns. No returns of any of the thirteen issues will be accepted by the Woman's Press after October 7, and the account for papers must be paid before the prizes are awarded.

Class E.—Country Campaigns.

Class E is a competition for Country Campaign centres. First and second prizes will be given for the largest aggregate sales by Country Campaign centres during the months of July, August and September. In addition a memento will be given to every Country Campaign centre selling over 5,000, and a special memento to those selling over 10,000 during the three months. The conditions are identical with those in class D.

Class F.—Posters.

In view of the importance of the sale through newsagents two prizes will be given to those who are most successful in interesting newsagents in the paper and inducing them to exhibit a poster each week. The prizes will be for the largest number of promises obtained to show posters regularly, and mementoes will be given to everyone who obtains at least ten such promises.

The Publisher of VOTES FOR WOMEN supplies free and post free a poster to any newsagent who expresses himself willing to exhibit a poster each week, but it is obviously undesirable that posters should be sent unless they will really be shown regularly. Competitors in class F must therefore not merely content themselves with obtaining promises but must make visits of inspection. The prizes in this class will only be awarded after the Publisher has satisfied himself that the promised posters are shown each week.

Further Information.

Particulars as to the prizes, and other details as to the scheme, will be published next week. The Circulation Manager, Votes for Women, 4, Clements Inn, will be pleased to supply further information in answer to any enquiries by post.

AWAKE!

Deep calleth loud to deep and soul to soul,
"Now is the time: the kingdom is at hand."
Women awake! press onward to the goal,
Let truth and justice be your stern demand.

Women awake, awake! Your courage don,
Put on your strength, shout forth your battle cry,
"Freedom, all hail! all hail! lead on, lead on,
Forward, press forward; victory is nigh."

Talk not of failing, that can never be,
E'en though in conflict some be trampled down,
Truth sown as seed will ever spring forth free,
And leaping up adorn the victor's crown.

Women! awake, awake; the die is cast;
Now is the time. Your liberty the stake,
Honour your aim. Time's sands are running fast.
Despise delay's despair; awake, awake!

"MANCHESTER."

TO HYDE PARK!

GREAT DEMONSTRATION OF SUFFRAGISTS ON SATURDAY, JULY 23.

Form up at 3 p.m.; Start, 4 p.m.; Meeting, 5.30; Resolution, 6.30.

List of Officers.

Procession Secretary	Miss Olive Smith, to whom all correspondence on general arrangements should be sent.
Hyde Park Organiser.....	Miss Florence Cooke.
Banner and Colours Secretary	Miss Irene Dallas.
"Votes for Women" Sellers on the Route	Miss Annie Ainsworth.
Hospitality Secretary.....	Miss Ellen Smith.
Organisers of Contingents.	
Prisoners' Pageant.....	Miss Irene Dallas.
Women Graduates—Medical	Miss L. Garrett Anderson, 114a, Harley Street, W.
" " Science & Arts	Miss Effie Marsden, 82, Redcliffe Gardens, S.W.
Teachers	Mrs. Kenyon.
Gymnastic Teachers	Mrs. Adair Impey, Cropthorne, King's Norton, Birmingham.
Musicians.....	Miss Douglas Smith and Lady Constance Lytton.
Nurses.....	Miss Buckley.
Civil Servants and Clerks ...	Miss C. A. L. Marsh.
Business Women.....	Miss Vibert and Miss Fargus.
Artists.....	Miss Margaret Forbes, 219, King's Road, Chelsea, S.W.
Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors	Mrs. Fisher, 26, Denning Road, Hampstead, N.W.
Women Gardeners & Florists	Miss Lennox.
Irish Contingent.....	Miss Lennox.
Colonial and Foreign Contingents	Miss Ada Cecile Wright.

New Zealand—Lady Stout, 15a, Pembridge Square, W.
Australia—Lady Cockburn. Miss Newcomb, 69, Delaware Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.
Canada—Miss Ada Cecile Wright.
South Africa—Mrs. Saul Solomon, "Les Lunes," 98, Sumatra Road, West Hampstead, N.W.
America—Miss Freeman, 25, Brook Street, W.
France—Miss Ada Cecile Wright.
Germany—Miss Blume, 22, Campden Hill Gardens, Kensington.
Holland—Dr. Aletta Jacobs, c/o 4, Clements Inn, W.C.
Sweden—Miss Johanson, 14, Endsleigh Street, Tavistock Square, W.C.
Norway—Mrs. Hornemann, Norwegian Church, Rediff Road, Rotherhithe.
Denmark—Miss Ada Cecile Wright.
Italy—Miss Ada Cecile Wright.

Outdoor Campaign	Miss Elsa Gye.
Chalking Brigade	Miss Cynthia Maguire.

Letters to these Organisers (unless otherwise specified) should be addressed to them at the W.S.P.U. Offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Banners flying, bands playing, heads erect, twenty thousand women will march to victory on Saturday afternoon, July 23.

The demonstration will be one of congratulation that the Votes for Women Bill has made such good progress in the House of Commons, and of determination that it shall be carried into law before Parliament rises for the summer.

On Saturday, July 23, the great march of June 18 will be surpassed and the vast demonstration of two years ago will be left behind.

Two Great Processions.

The number of women taking part is so great that at the suggestion of the police special arrangements are being made in order that the traffic may not be impeded. Instead of a single procession as was the case on June 18, two great processions will separately wend their way into the Park. Each procession will be of extraordinary length, and will alone surpass any ordinary procession which has demonstrated in recent years in the streets of London. The West Procession will form up at 3 p.m. on the north side of Holland Park, and will stretch from Notting Hill Gate Station to Shepherd's Bush Tube Station. The East Procession will form up at 3 p.m. on the Westminster Embankment, and will stretch from Westminster Bridge to Blackfriars. The women will walk five abreast.

Lines of Route.

The West Procession will start at 4 p.m., and march straight along the Bayswater Road until it reaches the Marble Arch, at which point it will enter Hyde Park and proceed to the space allotted to the demonstration. The East Procession will also start at 4 p.m. and march up Northumberland Avenue *viâ* Cockspur Street, Pall Mall, St. James's Street, Piccadilly, to Hyde Park Corner, where it will enter the Park.

Each procession will be divided into sections, and between each section on the line of march there will be an interval so that the traffic may pass through. At the head of each procession will ride a contingent of mounted police.

Who are taking part.

In addition to the members of the Women's Social and Political Union who are organising the demonstration, there will be women from other Suffrage organisations and women Civil servants, teachers, nurses, &c., women in other professions and also women of many different nationalities. They will all combine together to make July 23 a brilliant success. Many who had intended taking their holidays are postponing them in order to take part in the Demonstration. One lady writes:—"I intended going for my holiday on the 16th, but under the circumstances I shall stay at home for the Demonstration on the 23rd."

Bands.

The processions will be inspired by the stirring notes of 40 special bands, including the Women's Drum and Fife Band of the Women's Social and Political Union, wearing their uniform of purple, white and green.

Forty Platforms in the Park.

In the Park, in place of the twenty platforms of two years ago, forty platforms will be placed; these will be spread over an area never previously filled by a demonstration, so that the vast numbers will be accommodated without inconvenience.

In the centre will be a conning tower, from which the progress of arrangements will be watched and directed. The meeting will begin at 5.30 and the resolution will be put simultaneously from all the platforms at 6.30.

A Million People.

Of the demonstration two years ago the correspondent of *The Times* wrote:—

> The organisers of the demonstration had counted on an attendance of 250,000. That expectation was certainly fulfilled. Probably it was doubled; and it would be difficult to contradict anyone who asserted confidently it was trebled. Like the distances and numbers of the stars, the facts were beyond the threshold of perception.

It is our expectation that the numbers on the previous occasion will be surpassed and that close on a million people will be present in the Park that day.

A Scheme of Decoration.

Special and beautiful schemes of decoration for the two Processions are being arranged. Miss Wallace Dunlop and Miss Downing are undertaking the general scheme for the East Procession, and Mrs. Eates and Miss Evelyn Sharp for the West Procession.

Selling the Paper.

In the Procession of June 18 there were 100 sellers of VOTES FOR WOMEN, and the splendid number of 4,000 copies was disposed of. In this new Demonstration, in which there will be two enormous Processions, it is hoped that there will be at least 250 sellers, and in this way it is confidently anticipated that no less than 12,000 copies will be sold to the crowds who will line the route. Selling is not allowed in the Park itself. Those who are willing to help in this work are asked to send in their names at once to Miss Ainsworth, at 156, Charing Cross Road, in order that complete arrangements may be made in good time. This form of help entails special self-sacrifice as it debars sellers from the pleasure of walking in the Procession, but it is a work of the highest importance in order that the public may understand the exact position of affairs and the meaning and importance at this critical moment of the great Demonstration in Hyde Park.

Advertising the Demonstration.

There are but two weeks in which to let London know of the great Demonstration. The task is a herculean one, but it will be done. Every member must do her utmost to distribute handbills to her friends, from house to house, at meetings, in the street, or outside places of entertainment. Special handbills announcing the Processions and the Demonstration and giving full particulars are now ready, and members are invited to call and take them or to write for them. Miss Kerr, at 4, Clements Inn, is in charge of this department.

Details of the Processions and Demonstration.

The task of preparing for this great event is in full swing, and every moment of the workers is fully occupied. By every post replies are being received from those who have consented to take part.

Many of the societies approached cannot accept the invitation definitely until they have had a formal committee meeting, but it is probable that nearly all the other suffrage societies and leagues will combine in order to make this Demonstration thoroughly representative. Already promises of support have been received from the Actresses' Franchise League, the London University Graduates, the Fabian Women's Group, the New Constitutional Society for Women's Suffrage, the Hampstead Garden Suburb, the Hastings and St. Leonards Women's Suffrage League, the International Woman Suffrage Club, the Men's Political Union for Woman Suffrage, the Men's League for Women Suffrage. the Men's Committee for Justice to Women, the Union of Ethical Societies, and the Women's Tax Resistance League.

But it is impossible to give more than preliminary details this week; a full list of officers and sections and all arrangements will be published in our next issue.

Prisoners' Pageant.

A special feature of the Demonstration will again be the Prisoners' Pageant, a band of over 600 women representing the imprisonments that have been necessary in order to bring the movement within sight of victory. The Pageant, which shows to everyone in the streets how many women have suffered in this cause, will bring home the strength and meaning of the movement more than any other part of the Processions. The honour of taking pare in this Pageant is again open to our members and thost anxious to share in it are asked to send in their names at once to Miss Irene Dallas, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

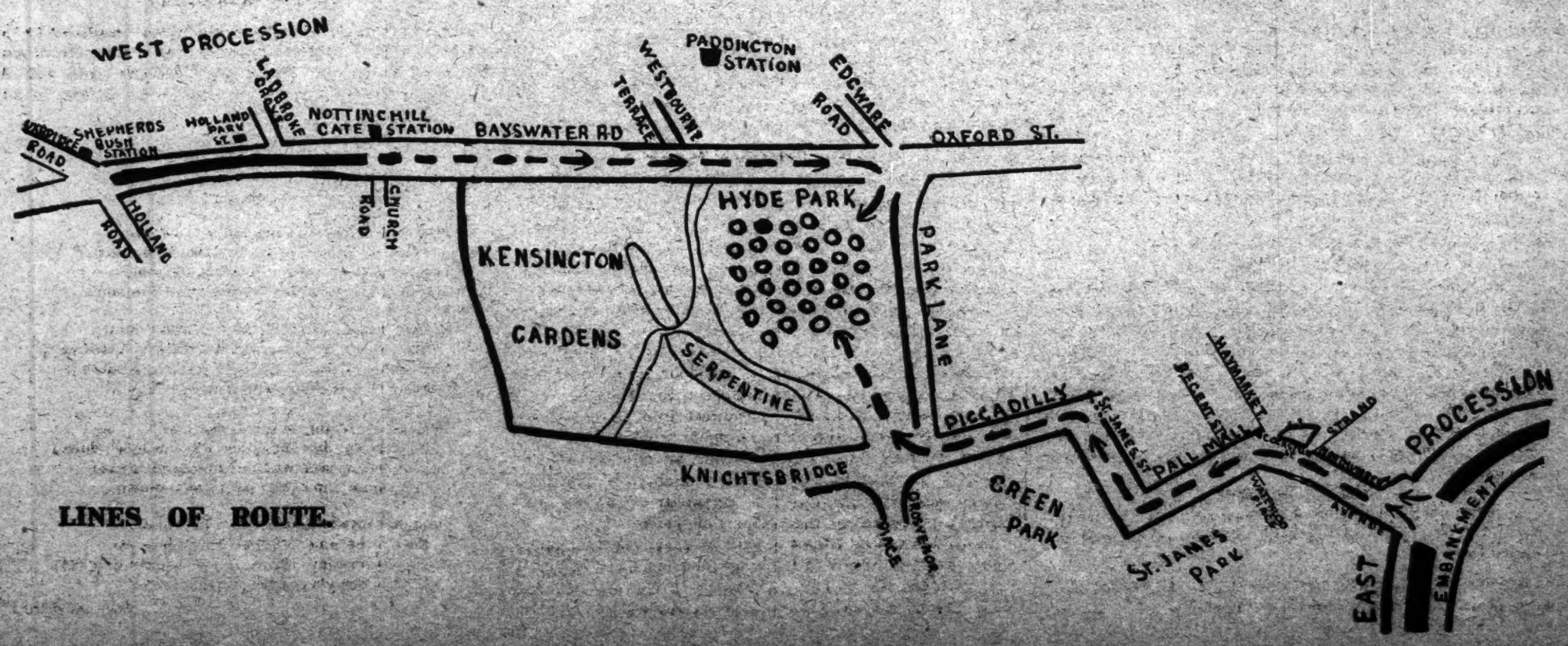
Hospitality.

As the Demonstration is arranged at an earlier hour thar the last a large number of members of the Union living in the country will come by day excursions to London and return the same evening. Some, however, who come from very long distances may be obliged to stay in town till Sunday or Monday, and London members who can offer hospitality in such cases are asked to write at once to Miss Ellen Smith, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

General Sympathisers.

Those who do not belong to any definite group are invited to communicate with the Procession Secretary, who will inform them of the position allotted to them.

(Reports from the organisers of the special contingents will be found on page 670.)



LINES OF ROUTE.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE BILL.

Second Reading to be Taken on Monday and Tuesday, July 11 and 12.

As anticipated in our last issue, Mr. Asquith made an important announcement with regard to the Women Suffrage Bill in the House of Commons on Thursday in last week.

In the course of a statement in which he announced that the House would rise at the end of July or beginning of August, and resume its sitting in November, he said:—

"I may here state, for the convenience of the House, that we propose to give Monday, July 11, and if the promoters wish, Tuesday, July 12, to the second reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Women) Bill; Wednesday, July 13, the Board of Education Vote; and Thursday to the Navy Construction Vote."

This decision will enable a division to be taken on the second reading. This is expected on Tuesday evening, at 7 p.m. or at 10.30 p.m., and the Bill will naturally then be referred to a Grand Committee. A motion will probably be moved, however, by the opponents of the Bill to commit it to a Committee of the whole House; if this motion were carried it would mean that further progress would be dependent on the decision of the Government to grant facilities. Accordingly, this motion will be resisted by the friends of the Bill in the House.

Activity in the House.

Great activity with regard to the question prevails in the House of Commons. On Monday a meeting of anti-Suffragist M.P.'s was called together for the purpose of devising means of opposing the Bill.

On Tuesday a meeting of the Conciliation Committee was held, Sir John Rolleston presiding, in the unavoidable absence of Lord Lytton. It was decided to ask for the two days for the debate. Whips were appointed to secure attendance of supporters. It was also decided to resist any motion for committing the Bill to the whole House.

On the same day the Liberal supporters of the Bill met under the presidency of Sir Chas. M'Laren, and a somewhat similar line was decided upon.

MEMORIAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

196 M.P.'S REQUEST FOR FURTHER FACILITIES.

We referred last week to an important Memorial signed by a large number of Members of Parliament, in favour of granting further facilities to the Woman Suffrage Bill. We are now able to give a complete list, with their names, numbering in all 196.

It will be seen that this list includes 30 out of the 40 Labour Members, over a hundred influential Liberals, including Mr. Percy Alden, Rt. Hon. Thomas Burt, Mr. Noel Buxton, Sir F. A. Channing, Mr. Robert Harcourt, Mr. E. M. Pollock, K.C., Mr. E. H. Pickersgill, Mr. A. S. Rowntree, Sir C. E. Schwann, Sir Albert Spicer, Sir Alfred Mond, the chairman of the Welsh Liberal Group (Sir Alfred Thomas), Mr. Ellis Griffiths, Sir Geo. White, and Sir James Yoxall; such well-known Conservatives as Mr. Gerald Arbuthnot, Sir William Bull, Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, Mr. Henniker Heaton, and the Hon. Ormsby Gore, and such influential Irish Members as Messrs. Devlin, Tim Healy, W. Redmond, Swift MacNeill, T. M. Kettle, and Hugh Law.

The following is the text of the Memorial, and the full list of names:—

To the Right Honourable the Prime Minister.—The undersigned Members of the House of Commons, believing that the present Session offers a unique opportunity for the passage of a Woman Suffrage measure, beg to record their desire that facilities be granted to Mr. Shackleton's Bill.

Abraham, W. (Mabon)
Abraham, Wm. (Dublin)
Adam, Major W. A.
Addison, Christopher, M.D., F.R.C.S.
Ainsworth, John Stirling
Alden, Percy
Arbuthnot, Gerald A.
Atherley-Jones, L.
Attenborough, Walter A.
Baker, J. Allen
Barclay, Sir Thomas
Barlow, Sir John Emmott Bart.
Barnes, George Nicoll
Barrie, Hugh, T.
Barton, William
Bathurst, Charles
Bentham, George Jackson
Bethell, Sir John Henry
Boland, John P.
Bowerman, C. W.
Brace, William
Brady, Patrick J.
Brigg, Sir John
Bull, Sir William
Burt, Rt. Hon. Thomas
Buxton, Charles Roden
Buxton, Noel B.
Cameron, Robert
Carr-Gomm, Hubert Wm. Culling
Cavendish-Bentinck, Lord Henry
Chancellor, Henry C.
Channing, Sir Francis A., Bart.
Chapple, William Allan
Clancy, J. J.
Clough, William
Clynes, J. R.
Collins, Godfrey P.
Condon, T. J.
Corbett, A. Cameron
Craig, Capt. J.
Crossley, Sir William J., Bart.
Davies, Ellis W.
Davies, Sir W. Howell
Dawes, James A.
Delany, W.
Devlin, Joseph
Duncan, Charles
Edwards, E.
Elverston, Harold
Esmonde, Sir T. Grattan, Bart.
Beslemont, George Birnie
Evans, Laming Worthington
Fenwick, C.
Ferens, Thomas Robinson
French, Peter
Field, William
Forster, Harry Seymour
Foster, J. Kenneth
Glanville, Harold J.
Glover, T.
Goulding, Edward Alfred
Greenwood, Grenville George
Greig, James William
Griffith, Ellis J.
Gwynn, Stephen L.
Hall, E. Marshall (with a verbal reservation)
Hall, Fred
Hammersley, Alfred St. George
Hancock, John G.
Harcourt, Robert Vernon
Hardie, James Keir
Harmood-Banner, John Sutherland
Harris, F. Leverton
Harvey, Alexander Gordon Cummins
Harvey, Thomas Edmund
Harvey, W. E.
Haslam, James
Haworth, Arthur Adlington
Healy, Timothy M.
Heaton, J. Henniker
Helme, Norval Watson
Higham, J. S.
Hindle, Frederick George
Hodge, John
Hope, Harry
Hope, John Deans
Howard, Hon. Geoffrey William Algernon
Hudson, W.
Jardine, Sir John
Jones, Sir D. Brynmor
Jones, Edgar Rees
Jones, Henry Haydn
Jones, William
Jowett, Frederick William
Joyce, Michael
Keating, Matthew
Kemp, Lieut.-Colonel Sir George
Kennedy, Vincent,
Kettle, T. M.
Lardner, James Carrige Rush
Law, Hugh A.
Leach, Charles
Lynch, Arthur
McArthur, Charles
McCallum, J.
McCurdy, Charles A.
McKean, John
McClaren, Rt. Hon. Sir Charles B. Bright, Bart.
McClaren, Francis W. S.
McClaren, W. B.
MacNeill, J. G. Swift
McVeagh, Jeremiah
Meagher, Michael
Middlebrook, William
Millar, J. Duncan
Mond, Alfred
Morgan, George Hay
Morrison, Captain James A.
Munro, Robert
Muspratt, Max
Nannetti, Joseph P.
Neilson, F.
Nuttall, H.
O'Grady, James
O'Malley, W.
O'Neill, Charles, M.D.
Ormsby-Gore, the Hon. William C.A.
O'Shee, James John
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Parker, James
Peto, Basil Edward
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Pointer, J.
Pollard, Sir George H.
Pollock, Ernest Murray, K.C.
Ponsonby, Arthur A. W.H.
Price, Charles Edward
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Raffan, Peter Wilson
Randles, Sir John Scurrah
Rankin, Sir James, Bart.
Redmond, William
Rendall, Athelstan
Roberts, Charles Henry
Roberts, Samuel
Robertson, John Mackinnon
Roch, Walter F.
Roe, Sir Thomas
Rolleston, Sir John Fowke Lancelot
Rowntree, Arnold Stephenson
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Scott, Alfred Henry
Shackleton, David James
Sherwell, A. J.
Snowden, Philip
Spicer, Sir Albert, Bart.
Stanley, Albert
Sutherland, J. E.
Sutton, John E.
Taylor, J. W.
Taylor, Theodore Cooke
Thomas, Sir Alfred, Kt.
Thomas, D. A.
Thomas, James H.
Thorne, George Rennie
Twist, Henry
Vaughan-Davies, M.
Venables-Llewelyn, Charles D.
Verney, Frederick William
Vivian, Henry
Walsh, Stephen
Walton, Sir Joseph
Wardle, George James
Wason, Rt. Hon. Eugene (with a verbal reservation)
Watt, Harry Anderson
Weir, J. Galloway
White, Sir George
White, Major Godfrey Dalrymple
White, Sir Luke
White, P.
Whitehouse, John Howard
Whyte, Alexander F.
Wiles, Thomas
Wilkie, Alex.
Williams, Aneurin
Williams, J.
Williams, Penry
Williams, W. L.
Wilson, T. F.
Wing, Thomas E.
Wortley, Right Hon. C. B. Stuart-, K. C.
Yerburgh, Robert A.
Yoxall, Sir James H.

It is understood that in addition to these a very large number of Members of Parliament are prepared to support the Bill.

MEN'S LEAGUE FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

A memorial signed by many well-known university professors and clergymen, and by well-known writers, such as Mr. Hall Caine, Mr. Bernard Shaw, and Mr. Israel Zangwill, has been sent by the Men's League for Woman Suffrage to the Prime Minister. The memorial, after expressing satisfaction that time will be given for a second reading, says:

"Your refusal, however, to promise further facilities for a Bill which by your own admission has a large measure of support in your Cabinet, in your party, and in the House generally, seems to us in the last degree unfortunate. The enthusiasm which the Cause has awakened among women is in our opinion such that the repetition of admittedly academic second reading debates must inevitably produce consequences of the gravest possible character which will be the subject of lasting regret to the whole community."

It goes on also, to ask for a statement from Mr. Asquith that "he will not deprive the elected representatives of the people of the opportunity of making the Bill law should they so decide."

The memorial is signed by:—

S. Alexander, LL.D., Professor of Philosophy, Manchester; Archdeacon Arbuthnot, Coventry; J. H. Badley, Headmaster of Bedale's School; F. A. Bather, D.Sc., F.R.S.; Rev. J. F. Bethune-Baker, Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge; F. W. Bussell, D.D., Vice-Principal, Brasenose College, Oxford; Ronald M. Burrows, D.Litt., Professor of Greek, Manchester; Norman R. Campbell, Trinity, Cambridge; Rev. J. Estlin Carpenter, D.D., Principal, Manchester College, Oxford; Rev. Hugh Chapman, Chaplain of the Savoy; S. J. Chapman, Professor of Political Economy, Manchester; Robt. F. Cholmeley, Headmaster, Owens School, Islington; Rev. W. F. Cobb, D.D., Rector of St. Ethelburga's, E.C.; F. M. Cornford, Trinity, Cambridge; Rev. F. Lewis Donaldson, Vicar of St. Mark's, Leicester; Rev. James Drummond, LL.D., Ex-Principal, Manchester College, Oxford; Very Rev. M. Moore Ede, Dean of Worcester; Johnstone Forbes-Robertson; W. M. Geldart, Vinerian Professor of Law, Oxford; Chas. H. Herford, Litt.D., Professor of English, Manchester; Dennis Hird, J.P., Warden of Central Labour College, Oxford; Alfred Hughes, Professor of English, Birmingham; W. E. Johnson, King's College, Cambridge; Rev. Hon. Edward Lyttelton, Eton College; J. S. Mackenzie, Professor of Philosophy, Cardiff; C. Mansell-Moullin, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Canon J. Moore Lister, D.D., Newcastle; Rev. James Hope Moulton, D.Litt., Professor of Hellenistic Greek, Manchester; John L. Myers, Wykeham Professor (elect), Oxford; Rev. Arnold Pinchard, St. Jude's, Birmingham; C. Grant Robertson, All Souls College, Oxford; M. E. Sadler, Professor of Education, Manchester; Canon R. T. Talbot, D.D., Bristol Cathedral; E. Seymer Thompson, Cambridge and London Universities; James Ward, Professor of Mental Philosophy, Cambridge; Rev. T. Rhondda Williams, Brighton; Canon James M. Wilson, D.D., Worcester; Alfred E. Zimmern, New College, Oxford; Granville Barker; J. B. Bury, Professor of Modern History, Cambridge; Hall Caine; Joseph Conrad; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero; William Pett Ridge; G. Bernard Shaw; T. F. Tout, Professor of Medieval and Modern History, Manchester; Israel Zangwill.

As we go to press the Men's League are holding a meeting at the Caxton Hall in support of the Bill, and among the speakers will be Mr. Percy Alden, M.P., Mr. H. N. Brailsford, Mr. H. G. Chancellor, M.P., Mr. J. Keir Hardie, M.P., Mr W. S. B. McLaren, M.P., Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P.

MEN'S POLITICAL UNION FOR WOMEN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

This Union has sent a letter, urging the importance of the Conciliation Committee's Bill to 670 members of Parliament. The letter points out that while, in replying to deputations asking him to grant facilities, Mr. Asquith stated (1) that no Government would take it up as a Government Measure, and (2) that no private Member's Bill had any but a very remote possibility of passing through all the requisite stages; his words must be qualified by his statement to the House of Commons, that the House of Commons ought to have an opportunity of dealing effectively with the whole situation if that were their deliberate desire. The future, the letter continues, evidently depends not on the Cabinet, but on the tone and temper evinced by the House of Commons as a whole at the coming debate. If it is debated academically only, the responsibility for not giving fair play to the measure will rest with the House of Commons as much as with the Cabinet. If, on the other hand, the debate reveals the fact that it is the deliberate desire of the House of Commons to deal effectively with the situation there seems no doubt that the question would be speedily settled.

LIBERAL WOMEN'S MEETING.

As we go to press the Women's Liberal Federation are holding at Caxton Hall a meeting which it is hoped will be representative of the 95,000 Liberal women who are organised in the Federation. The meeting is to express the Liberal women's demand that Mr. Shackleton's Bill shall pass in the House of Commons not only its second reading, but all stages.

N.U.W.S.S. DEMONSTRATION.

The National Union of Woman Suffrage Societies have organised a large demonstration in Trafalgar Square on Saturday, July 9, in support of the Bill. Speeches will be made from six platforms.

FROM A LIBERAL.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly give me the opportunity of publicly stating that though I have worked and voted for the Liberals for over thirty years, I am so thoroughly disappointed with the conduct of the present Government on the Suffrage question that I, yesterday, personally handed over my vote to Mrs. Pankhurst, our able and devoted leader, to be used exactly as she may determine for the furtherance of the great cause. We, who are acting in this way, may not be as yet a very large army, but we are an ever-increasing one, and Mr. Asquith will have to seriously count with our abstention or active opposition in future electoral contests unless he meanwhile wakes up to the fact that to deliberately deny the franchise to one-half the adult population on the mere score of sex is certainly not Liberalism in its best sense, whatever he may think it to regard it.

I am, most faithfully yours,
M. M. TERRERO.

National Liberal Club,
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PRESS OPINIONS ON THE SUFFRAGE BILL.

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

The prospect of an early adjournment makes it the more necessary that a near day should be fixed for the second reading of the Women's Franchise Bill. This is to be taken on Monday week, and Mr. Asquith has promised two days for its discussion should the promoters so desire. In the regular course the Bill, if carried then, would go to a Grand Committee for the Committee stage, and as the Bill consists only of two clauses there is no good reason why this stage should not be completed before the adjournment. If this were done the remaining stages of Report and third reading would take no long time. They would, of course, like the second reading, need the favour of the Government in the allotment of time. Whether or not that is to be granted, either before or after the adjournment, will no doubt depend upon the feeling of the House and the nature of the majority on the second reading. The thing is possible. It is all a question not of opportunity but of will.

DAILY NEWS.

We are glad to see that the Women's Franchise Bill is given an early date and the chance of a full discussion.

THE SPECTATOR.

It seems to us that Mr. Asquith ought to have recognised that the situation which is now developing was inevitable. He should have made up his mind to stand firm on the question. To pretend that he was only faced with a question of procedure was a case of self-deception. He was face to face with the whole issue. We suppose that in the end the Parliamentary tacticians will beat the suffragists, but in doing so the whole question will become more than ever exasperated and inflammatory. If our forecast is correct, a very heavy responsibility will rest on the Prime Minister.

CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The concession of an early date for the second reading of the Woman Suffrage Bill is a triumph for the women. When Mr. Asquith announced the week before that he could not give an early day, the women lost no time in organising an opinion which plainly told the Prime Minister that concession was the better part of valour. A two days' debate of the question will raise the whole subject to a higher position than it has ever before occupied. There can be no going back now. The vote for women is practically won.

It is probable that the Bill will be carried by a considerable majority. Men being mainly cowards in the presence of angry woman, it is probable that the great majority of the opponents of woman suffrage will find engagements elsewhere.

—**Morning Leader** (Political Notes).

The Women's Suffrage Bill, to be discussed on second reading next Monday and Tuesday, excites a deal more immediate interest among members than any other topic. The Conciliation Committee met yesterday, Sir John Rolleston presiding in the unavoidable absence of the Earl of Lytton, and in friendly conference with the more advanced Suffragists discussed the course of the debate, the nomination of Whips, and everything necessary to keep a good House for the division. No doubt the second reading will be carried, but there will be a good many abstentions and friendly unpublished pairs between politicians who sit on the same side but take different views about Women's Suffrage. "The thin end of the wedge" argument troubles a good many men who would gladly see the Bill passed did they not know that in the minds of many of its strongest supporters it is only regarded as a stepping-stone to adult manhood and womanhood suffrage. It is among these that the abstainers will be found. The opponents, if the second reading be carried, will move that it be considered in Committee of the whole House, instead of being sent, as it would be in the ordinary course, to a Standing Committee; and on this motion they hope to get the support of many members who regard the vote on the second reading as merely the expression of a pious opinion.

—**Morning Post** (Political Notes).

The debate on the second reading of the Parliamentary Franchise (Women) Bill, on Monday and Tuesday next, is awaited with great interest. It is expected that a number of front bench men will take part, and that the supporters of the Bill will include Mr. Balfour, Sir Edward Grey, and Mr. Churchill, while its opponents will have the powerful aid of the Prime Minister and Mr. Austen Chamberlain. The most interesting feature of all will be, perhaps, the spectacle of the Chancellor of the Exchequer joining in the opposition to the proposals. Mr. Lloyd George, it is said, is resolved to speak, if possible, or, at any rate, to vote against the Bill.

—**The Standard** (Political Notes).

The Press Association says:—The Labour party are precluded as a body from supporting the Bill by the resolutions passed at the recent conferences in favour of adult suffrage. It is understood, however, that thirty members of the party will vote for the second reading. At the meeting of Liberals one member opposed the Bill on account of its limited scope. A few others who have usually voted for the principle of Women's Suffrage may, it is thought, abstain. The promoters of the Bill, however, are sanguine that it will receive a second reading. It is expected that the division will take place at 10.30 p.m. next Tuesday, and a whip will be issued urging members in favour of the Bill to be in their places at that hour.

—**T.P.'s Weekly.**

FACTS FOR NEW READERS.

(Those who want more information than is given here should obtain "Women's Fight for the Vote," by F. W. Pethick Lawrence, from The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road. Price 6d. net paper and 1s. net cloth.)

The demand women are making is that sex shall not of itself be a disqualification for the possession of the Parliamentary franchise. Women suffragists have accordingly drafted a Bill to effect this which they desire to see carried into law. It is estimated that between a million and a million-and-a-quarter women would be immediately enfranchised by it. As there are at present between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 male voters, this would mean that the female electorate would be about one-seventh of the whole. The Bill which is at present before Parliament is slightly different from this, and would enfranchise about one million women. It is explained elsewhere.

Why Women Want the Vote.

In the first place, they desire to play their part in the life of the nation and introduce their point of view, so long neglected, into the government of the country. Among the matters decided in Parliament are questions of education, infant mortality, sweated labour, the conditions of women's work, the housing of the poor, the treatment of the poor and of criminals. Women feel deeply on all these questions, and when they are voters candidates of all political parties will find that in order to win their support at the polls they will have to set these questions in the forefront of their programmes. In the second place, women know that the possession of the vote is necessary to safeguard the interests of women. No human being is good enough to be entrusted with absolute power over another human being, and no section or class of a community is good enough to be trusted with absolute power over another section or class. At present the male electorate controls the making and the administering of the laws, and as a result the law is not fair to women, and it is also administered to their disadvantage. Finally, the vote is the hall-mark of citizenship, and confers a status which those who are excluded from it cannot possess.

Where the Law is Unjust to Women.

Those who oppose giving votes to women are the loudest in their claims that the place of women is in the home, yet it is precisely in the home that the rights of the man are by law entirely superior to those of the woman. The husband has the power to select where the home shall be and how it shall be conducted. In the eyes of the law he is the sole parent of the child so long as he is alive, and the decision as to the child's upbringing rests entirely with him. Whether the husband be good or bad, the wife is by law entirely subservient to him. She has no legal right to any share of the husband's income except in the case of actual desertion; and if, while continuing to live with her, he refuses to pay to her a single penny of his wages, she cannot obtain such payment except by breaking up her home and going into the workhouse. Short of this she and her children can starve, and yet she cannot claim the protection of the law to obtain maintenance from her husband. Finally, in the event of either party to the marriage being guilty of definite immorality, there is a total difference in the treatment accorded to husband and wife.

Women and the Administration.

In administering the country the Government has set up an entirely artificial differentiation between the sexes. In the first place, from a very large number of positions (including all the more important) women are excluded altogether, to the disadvantage of women, who are thus denied opportunities of well-paid employment, and to the disadvantage of the community, which is thus obliged to appoint a man where a woman might be more suitable, or have better qualifications. In the second place, where men and women are both employed, the woman receives a far smaller wage than the man for precisely the same work, as is the case with school inspectors, sanitary inspectors, post office employees, &c. Finally, the Government is one of the worst of sweaters in the wages it pays to women, either directly or through its sub-contractors in its Army clothing works and other departments.

Answers to Anti-Suffrage Arguments.

Women have shown their demand for the vote by petitions, by great public meetings, and by willingness to undergo imprisonment for the sake of the cause. These are the only methods available for the unenfranchised. That woman suffrage is popular among the electors is shown by the way candidates for Parliament secretly hostile to it hedge on the subject when questioned at election time. Though man's principal work may lie in the workshop and woman's in the home, that does not prevent men and it should not prevent women from taking a reasonable interest in the affairs of the country, and from sparing that small amount of time required to cast a vote at elections, to attend an occasional political meeting, and to discuss the questions of the day with acquaintances. Common sense and the experience of countries where women vote combine to show that woman suffrage does not lead to dissensions in the home, nor to women being treated with less respect by men, but does lead to the enactment of beneficial laws which they have been for years asking for in vain. There is no ground for thinking that woman suffrage will unduly strengthen any one of the present political parties at the expense of the others. Nor will it necessarily lead to adult suffrage or to women M.P.'s. After women have won the vote the male electorate will still outnumber the female electorate by about six or seven to one, and only those changes which are approved by the whole electorate will be made. Where women have been called upon to govern they have generally been remarkably successful, as witness the famous names of Queen Elizabeth, Queen Victoria, Maria Theresa, the late Dowager Empress of China, and many others; but the possession of the vote does not mean the liability to be called on to govern, but merely to select those who will govern; and women are certainly capable of this quite equally with men. Many anti-suffragists pin their faith to the "physical force" argument; they say that the ultimate basis of all government is physical force. This is untrue; it is not the physically strongest races which govern the world, but those who possess the finest combination of physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual force; and the same is true within the confines of a single State.

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BOOK OF THE WEEK.

A Liberator of Women.

The "Life of Mrs. Norton"* is a painful story, but pain is not the reader's strongest feeling. It is a strange world where so rare a woman, of most vivid personality, noble and loveable character and keen intellect, has to suffer almost throughout life a recurrent torture of legal injustice and public slander. But a greater marvel is the courageous and generous soul which could so meet and conquer the outrages of fortune. There is a lovely bust of Mrs. Norton in the National Portrait Gallery, which gives some idea of her charm, even without the colour of the "beautiful dark face," the sound of the "peculiar deep, soft contralto voice," with its swift Irish wit, and the wonderful eyes. But "Diana of the Crossways" has almost made us forget that Mrs. Norton is memorable to women by more than her personality, for other unhappy wives owe very much to changes in the law which her sufferings caused or hastened. The Marriage Act of 1857 contained reforms which make it "a sort of Bill of Rights for married women," and which may be ascribed to her, while her "Infant Custody Act" removed the gross wrong from which she had suffered so much pain.

The law punished Mrs. Norton, and contemporary voices persecuted her, for leaving her incredible husband. What we can hardly understand is that she so often forgave him after brutalities which she had bitterly resented. The secret may be guessed. So strong a character makes its own atmosphere, by which it is often blinded to the nature of smaller people. The true character of the "gnome," as Lord Melbourne called him, was not visible to her.

When Mrs. Norton took refuge with her sister, the three children, the youngest only two years old, remained with their father, who exercised his legal rights by refusing to let her see them. Soon she was imploring to be allowed to return, but her husband refused to take her back, and took the first step towards a divorce by bringing a suit for damages against the Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne. George Norton afterwards acknowledged that he had never believed the charges were true, and they were peculiarly base because he had encouraged his wife's friendship for Lord Melbourne, obtained one appointment through it, and upbraided his wife for not getting more. The evidence was so weak that none was called for the defence, and the jury pronounced for the Prime Minister without leaving the box. But Mrs. Norton, not being a party to the suit, had no opportunity of denying accusations made against her in evidence. "A woman," she wrote, "is made a helpless wretch by those laws of men, or she would be allowed a defence, a counsel, in such an hour." The divorce fell to the ground, but she, the wronged one, had no redress, her forgiveness having condoned Norton's offences shortly before their final parting. Terms of separation were next prepared, Norton desiring to make her an allowance for the sake of freeing himself from legal responsibility for her debts. His wife's only anxiety was to see the children. She was allowed to be with them for half-an-hour under insulting circumstances, and once met them in the park, when her eldest boy of seven gave her a little crumpled letter he had been hiding in his pocket for a fortnight. Then came forlorn attempts to see them, write to them, hear where they had been taken, once even to carry them off. During four years they were kept from her sight, often from her knowledge, and when her attempts were finally successful, the youngest had died, at eight years old, away from her and through want of care. As for provision, for which she cared nothing, even her clothes and £50 a year inherited from her father were Mr. Norton's. After a miserable wrangle about the terms, she took up her fluent pen to make "Observations on the Natural Claim of a Mother to the Custody of her Young Children," and "A Comparison between the English and Scottish Law of Divorce" as affecting the woman's power to defend herself. The result was an Infant Custody Bill which passed the Commons, but was rejected by the Lords. The debates show a curious blindness and injustice towards women, a blindness curable by a political operation, but not cured even now. The Act, however, was passed later, and she was able to go successfully through the clumsy process it prescribed.

During all this time, Mrs. Norton's name was, as she said, "the watchword of insult and cruel abuse"; but she was unable to bring an action for libel, because a married woman could not sue apart from her husband. She signed an agreement with her husband for an allowance, her boys being largely dependent on her, only to find that he was not bound by it, because a man could not make a contract with his own wife. A test case was however brought into court by a creditor, and she was present, called by her husband as a witness. Norton shamefully took the opportunity to renew the false accusation concerning Lord Melbourne, and a scene followed of which it is still painful to read. Mrs. Norton, driven past endurance, tried to make in the *Times* the defence for which the law denied her a direct opportunity. Her husband wrote an answer in his characteristic manner, and she made a rejoinder with "loss of dignity and charity," as her scrupulously fair-minded biographer thinks. But indeed the defence of this much-wronged woman has a splendid eloquence and wrath that still move a reader to sympathetic indignation. Norton next made the remarkable proposal to submit to referees the question whether he was bound in honour to abide by the contract he had signed. But enough of the gnome. The last episode in this amazing story is the passing of the Marriage Act of 1857 securing to a deserted wife the possession of her earnings, permitting an order of Court for separate maintenance, and giving a married woman the right to inherit and bequeath property, and, when separated from her husband, the right to sue and be sued in a civil action.

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One evening, tired out with my day's work, I was lying upon the ground near the wall of a great stone building—an edifice usually gloomy of mien, but which had the deep cracks and large patches of mould adorning its exterior illuminated for the moment by the red beams of the declining sun. Day and night there swarmed within that building, like rats in a dark cellar, a mass of hungry, dirty people—their bodies clad (nay, rather half-clad) in sorry rags, and their benighted souls as hungry and naked (perhaps even as dirty!) as their bodies. From its windows there issued in a slow, thick stream, like a column of dingy smoke belched forth from a factory chimney, the ceaseless din of the human life which seethed within; and as I lay and listened to that portentous, mournful sound—a sound so familiar to my ears—I little expected to hear any note more novel or more poignant break in upon it. Yet, suddenly, from somewhere amid the recesses of a pile of empty barrels and broken packing-cases which lay near me, there came in a low, crooning voice:

> Sleep, little baby, my angel divine!
> Hush-a-by, hush-a-by, baby of mine!

Never before had I heard any mother in this building soothe her children to sleep in such loving accents. Rising softly, I peered behind the barrels. Seated on an empty packing-case I beheld a little girl, her curly, flaxen head bent forward, and her form gently swaying to and fro as she sang in pensive fashion:—

> Fly, then, my dearest, to Dreamland so bright!
> Peace spread her wings o'er my darling to-night!

In her little dirty arms she was nursing the haft of a wooden ladle, wrapt in a red handkerchief, and regarding it with great sorrowful eyes. Those eyes were beautifully soft and clear, but mournful to a degree quite unchildlike. When I looked at them I seemed no longer to see also the dirt which disfigured her face and hands.

Through the air above us there streamed—like clouds of soot and ashes—a confused babel of shouts, curses, drunken laughter, and weeping, whilst around us the muddy ground was strewn with a débris of broken, disjointed fragments. The rays of the setting sun tinged with red these remnants of old bottles and packing-cases, until they seemed to impart to them a sort of strange, shabby likeness to the remains of some great monster which had been crushed and ground to pieces under the ponderous, pitiless hand of famine.

Accidentally I made a slight rustling among these fragments; whereupon the girl started and caught sight of me. Instantly her eyes contracted to two slits, and she bristled all over with terror, like a mouse before a cat. I smiled kindly at her worn, shrinking, unhappy face, but she only compressed her lips the more and twitched her delicate eyebrows. Then she sprang to her feet, gave a deft shake to her tattered, once-pink frock, thrust her doll into her pocket, and asked me in a clear, high voice why I looked at her so. She was a girl of some twelve years of age, and very slender and thin. Her eyelids never ceased quivering the whole time that she looked at me thus intently.

"Well," she continued, after some moments' silence, "What do you want?"

"Nothing," I replied. "Do you go on with your game and I will go away."

Thereupon she came towards me with a kind of shuffling movement, her face all puckered over with aversion, and said in a hard, clear voice: "You need only pay me fifteen copecks.*"

For a moment I did not fully grasp her meaning, but can only remember shuddering as with an intuition of something horrible. Then she came still closer, and nudged me with her elbow, saying in a dull, weary tone and with averted face: "Will you come with me, then? I cannot go out and walk the streets to-night, for I have no fine clothes to wear. My keeper has sold them all for drink. Will you come with me?"

Gently, silently I put her from me; whereupon she turned and peered into my face with a kind of suspicious, perplexed expression. Then her lips twitched strangely, and, raising her eyes so that the glance of their clear, open, sorrowful gaze passed over my head, she murmured wearily: "Why do you shrink from me so? Perhaps you think that I am too young—too unused to such things? Do not be afraid. I used to mind it all; but now——!" And, without finishing her sentence, she spat upon the ground with an air of indifference.

As I walked away I bore with me in my heart an almost insupportable impression of horror, coupled with an ever-abiding remembrance of the sorrowful look in those clear, unchildlike eyes.

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THE BILL MUST GO THROUGH.

The Prime Minister's announcement that the Government have decided to fix an early date for the second reading of the Woman Suffrage Bill, and that July 11 and 12 will be set apart for this purpose, has filled with new hope the supporters of the Suffrage Cause. The likelihood of having the second reading of the Bill deferred until the end of the Session had opened up to militant Suffragists a prospect of stress and conflict, but the Government's latest statement as to the second reading encourages the belief that the Bill will now have an easy and peaceful passage through all its stages into law.

The majority for the second reading of the Bill will certainly be a very large one, for the anti-Suffragists in the House of Commons are few in number, and some of them are expected to abstain from voting in deference to the strong feeling in favour of the Bill which exists in their constituencies. That the opponents of the Bill feel the weakness of their position is obvious. The lack of favour which their view finds in the country makes anything in the nature of great popular demonstrations impossible for them, and they are attempting little or nothing beyond a meeting for anti-Suffragists in the Queen's Hall. They are also arranging to take concerted action in the House of Commons against the Bill, but by their own admission their Parliamentary forces are greatly inferior to those which support the Bill. In fact, as the Parliamentary correspondent of the *Standard* said the other day, the anti-Suffragists believe that the position from their point of view is "far more serious than many appear to realise, and there is grave danger at the present time of this vast political change becoming law."

An immense majority for the second reading of the Bill being already assured, it behoves us now to consider the next stage in the Bill's progress. This is the Committee Stage, which, in its turn, will be succeeded by the Report stage and the third reading. Now, the Committee stage, during which the details as distinct from the principle of the Bill are under consideration, may, as is well known, be taken either in a Grand Committee or in Committee of the whole House. If a Bill goes to a Grand Committee it passes through its Committee stage without interference with or by the business proceeding in the House of Commons, but if it is kept in Committee of the whole House, then either all other business is put aside while its Committee stage is being taken, or else it is blocked because other business is allowed to take precedence of it. Therefore if the Woman Suffrage Bill were to be kept in Committee of the whole House, it could make no further progress unless the Government gave time for the Committee stage. According to the rules of Parliamentary procedure, a Bill on passing its second reading automatically goes to a Grand Committee. Consequently the Woman Suffrage Bill will do this unless the opponents of the Bill succeed in carrying a motion to keep it in Committee of the whole House.

The vital importance of securing the defeat of any motion to keep the Bill in Committee of the whole House will be readily appreciated, and every friend of the Bill, whether inside or outside the House of Commons, is working towards this end. The Conciliation Committee have announced their intention of getting the Bill referred to a Grand Committee, and it is said that the Committee of Liberal Members of Parliament favourable to Women Suffrage have adopted the same attitude.

The Government would have no excuse for seeking to prevent this Bill from going to a Grand Committee. Three years ago, when the present standing order providing for the automatic reference of Bills to a Grand Committee was under discussion, an amendment was moved to exclude franchise Bills from its operation. This amendment the Government definitely opposed on the plea that to do so would be to take away the discretion which the House of Commons possesses in the conduct of its business, and that the arrangements for the Committee stage of such Bills is essentially a matter upon which the House itself is entitled to decide. They were supported in this attitude by a majority in the House of Commons, the voting being 207 to 46. Moreover, last year the London Elections Bill, which was a franchise Bill, being in effect a Bill to restrain plural voting, was sent to a Grand Committee.

The present Woman Suffrage Bill is essentially suitable for such treatment, because its Committee stage will be of a purely formal nature. For, in the first place, the Bill is very brief and simple; in the second place, its details have already won the approval of the majority of the House of Commons; in the third place, as the Prime Minister himself pointed out, the title of the Bill makes it impossible for its scope to be extended, and therefore, with the best or worst will in the world, the Committee cannot possibly make any very material alterations in the Bill. Moreover, at the conclusion of the Committee stage the House will have ample opportunity at the Report stage to reconsider any alteration which may have been made in Committee.

In short, there is a complete case for sending the Bill to a Grand Committee, and opposition to this plan could only be understood as an attempt to wreck the Bill, and would arouse the indignation of women. But though we are on the alert, and though we are prepared for action appropriate to any contingency which may arise, we do not anticipate that the Government, having raised our hope of immediate victory to so high a pitch, will now attempt to prevent the fulfilment of that hope. The real intentions of the Government we shall learn, not from conjectures and rumours in the Press, but from themselves in the course of next week's debate. In the meantime, we watch and work.

Christabel Pankhurst.

LORD ROBERT CECIL ON WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

A Speech to the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, July 1, 1910.

No meeting connected with the Suffrage movement can begin without uttering a note of triumph and congratulation that our cause has advanced so far. Some of us can remember the various stages through which that cause has passed. We can recall when Woman Suffrage was regarded as an unimportant fad of a few intellectual eccentrics, headed by John Stuart Mill. In time it grew until it reached the dignity of being a kind of music-hall joke, something on a level with mothers-in-law, and then, when the pioneers of the movement pressed it forward steadily, people began to see that it could not be treated from a purely jocose point of view and it was treated seriously. The phase, though very interesting, was not within the domain of practical politics.

All that is past. The question of Woman Suffrage is a serious and important one at the present day, and it is one which no public man can afford to disregard. The question has now become one of serious politics, and we have to convince politicians at large that there is at the back of it a really important and serious movement of public opinion. That can only be done by devoted and concentrated effort. It is not only a question of making a few speeches or going to listen to a few speeches. We must work hard; all of you, if I may say so, must work hard in these last weeks of political exertion. You must organise yourselves; you must canvass; you must have a body of voters in every constituency on whom you can rely, and you must be in a position to go to party managers—to party whips—and say, "You cannot afford to disregard this voting strength at our back." And, above all, you must exert yourselves to obtain the influence to which you are entitled upon the local organisations of the party in the various constituencies. That is a very important part of your work, and I am convinced that the enthusiasm which has brought the cause to its present position will not fail us in this very arduous, less interesting, but even more necessary part of your campaign.

The "Sphere" Argument.

One of the most familiar arguments that we have to meet is that the Parliamentary vote is not within woman's sphere. I cannot help observing that woman's sphere has been constantly enlarging in its dimensions. Some fifty or sixty years ago the expression meant that women should have no interest in public affairs, that they should sit at home and mend their male relations' socks, and perhaps knit them stockings, and if they desired any intellectual relaxation they might read a few sermons, or perhaps a fashionable novel or a little poetry. Beyond that their exertions were not to take them, and any attempt to give them any greater measure of freedom was resisted in exactly the same way as our present movement is resisted, upon the ground that we are not to interfere with the sphere of women. I can remember when no married woman was allowed to have any property of her own, and very well I remember the arguments with which the first Married Women's Property Act was met. How it was said that the poor dear things would be quite unable to take care of themselves; they would be imposed upon by every swindler in the land, and, besides that, you would introduce into the sacred peace of the home discussion, dissent and dispute. In short, you might almost lift the arguments that were addressed to the Married Women's Property Act out of their setting and apply them to Woman Suffrage with scarcely any alteration whatever. The same thing can be said of the higher education of women. How well we remember the constantly reiterated statement that if you gave women any higher education than they possessed you would unsex them. Perhaps the last concession of all has been the concession of the vote and the seat in local government matters. That was resisted—people forget it now—with quite as much energy and conviction as the Parliamentary vote is resisted to-day, and now our most strenuous opponents—Mrs. Humphry Ward herself—declare that local government is the true sphere of women's activity.

And why have these changes successively taken place? There is only one reason, and that is because experience has shown time and again that all the prophecies of evil resulting from the proposed change were absolutely falsified when the change was carried out, and at the present time we are in this position—a woman may engage in any business in the world, she may take up almost any trade and, with the exception of the fighting professions, almost every profession. She may be a mayor, she may be a churchwarden, she may be a member of any local government authority, she may be the Queen of this country or the Regent of this country. But though a woman may do all these things, and though she can take part in politics in every other respect, though she may do the dirty work, the canvassing, though she may address meetings, and may, like some of our gifted lady opponents, perambulate the country and address political meeting after political meeting to explain how utterly incapable of holding political opinions women are, though she may do all that, she may not go into a Parliamentary polling booth and put a cross against the name of one of the candidates. And why? What is there so especially infective and poisonous about a Parliamentary polling booth? It is the same place as a municipal polling booth. It is quite right for a woman to put a cross against the name of a municipal candidate, but when that same candidate aspires to a seat in Parliament then it is altogether out of women's sphere to elect him to that position. We hear it said that local government matters are properly matters for women's consideration, and Parliamentary matters are not. That cannot apply to home affairs, because a moment's consideration will show that they are very largely the same thing. It is true that Parliament passes an Education Bill, but it is the local authorities who administer the Education Bill, and I cannot conceive why, if a woman is competent to administer education she is not also competent to settle what that education shall be. And why should she be competent to discuss rates and be incompetent to discuss taxes? It may be said that may be very true about domestic affairs, but what about Imperial affairs? I cannot imagine why the Empire should be regarded as exclusively masculine. I seem to recall hearing of great women who have had something to do with the Empire; to speak of no others, there are Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria, and even at the present moment it is surely an astonishing coincidence that the lady who presides most frequently at anti-Suffrage meetings, Lady Jersey, is also the President of the Victoria League, which has close connection with the Empire.

The Imperial Point of View.

The truth is, that all these arguments about women's sphere, used, I am quite ready to admit with great honesty of intention, are really the merest window-dressing. After talking to an anti-Suffragist for a short time you generally find that what is at the bottom of his or her mind is the old primeval instinct that it is only the strong who have any rights, and because men are stronger than women they regard it as an outrage that women should be entitled to have a Parliamentary vote. That frame of mind is a relic of barbarism; it dates back to the time when woman was the chattel of man, and sets aside the nineteen centuries of Christian civilisation which history has given to us. Though it be true, as undoubtedly it is true, that women are physically and muscularly weaker than men; that, as far as it goes, is not an argument against their having any political rights, but is rather a reason why their rights should be more carefully preserved to them. But as far as I am concerned I never have argued woman suffrage on the ground of the interests of women, and I never will do so. It may be that they suffer injustice, it may be not. The important thing to consider in a suffrage question is not what good it will do to those who are seeking the franchise, but what good it will do the kingdom and the Empire at large. In my judgment this is not a question of justice to women, but a question quite as much of justice to men. I wish to see women have the vote because they have on some subjects, some important domestic subjects—such as education, such as social reform, such as those numerous topics which Parliament now considers as affecting the home life of the mass of the people of the country—a special and peculiar knowledge which ought to be at the service of the State, and I say in addition to that, that in my opinion the standard of public duty among women is higher than the standard of public duty among men; I say that they have greater capacities for self-sacrifice, and are therefore better to be trusted in managing the interests of others; and, above all, I say that by long tradition and inheritance they have a deeper feeling for morality and religion. In these days, when it is difficult to persuade anyone to consider any measure, any Parliamentary proposal except so far as it affects the material interests of this or that class, we should be acting foolishly—and, indeed, criminally—if we excluded from the Parliamentary vote those who will bring to the consideration of these things a deep sense of religion and spirituality much higher and much better than is possessed by the male section of this community.

THE TREASURER'S NOTE.

Another great Demonstration to out-do the success of June 18! Two processions instead of one! More beauty; new schemes of artistic grouping! Everybody is delighted with the plan. Yes, but these great Demonstrations spend money. They are very useful just now. Very important. Very necessary. But they are also very costly. One more. That must be indeed the last. Let us make it as great and as impressive as we can. And let those who cannot take part in the truly gigantic task of organising such a Demonstration in the short space of two weeks make it a matter of conscience to send special contributions towards the heavy expenses connected with it. Many new friends and supporters are joining our Union. We call upon them to bear their share of the financial burden, which we who have been through this four years' campaign have borne so willingly. We are fighting for the emancipation of womanhood in every part of the civilised world. Travellers from other lands are in our midst. They have arrived at a critical and thrilling stage of the movement. Their financial help would be immensely valuable just now.

May July 23 be a day of rejoicing for women all over the world.

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

June 10 to June 17.

	£	s.	d.
Already acknowledged	68,442	6	4
Miss Helen Gratton	2	0	0
Miss M. S. Gratton	2	0	0
Mrs. A. E. Bear	3	3	0
Mrs. Edmunds	4	0	0
Miss Elsa Gye	0	5	0
Miss K. S. Franklin	0	2	6
Miss C. S. Howse	0	10	0
Mr. C. Herbert	1	0	0
Mrs. E. H. Eastburn	1	2	0
Mrs. M. M. Falk	0	10	0
Miss A. Barnard	0	11	4
Bath Meeting (per Miss Tollemache)	0	1	7
Miss Amy Coates	0	5	0
Miss Phyllis Russell	1	1	0
Mrs. Eunice Stevens	2	2	0
R. H. Pott, Esq.	25	0	0
Mrs. Mitchell	5	0	0
Miss I. Stephen	1	0	0
Miss D. D. Solomon	1	10	0
Mrs. L. Luke	1	1	0
Mrs. J. Partington	0	10	0
Mrs. C. A. Dawson Scott	0	2	6
Mrs. Piggott	0	1	0
Mrs. Norwood	0	1	0
Mme I. de Steiger	0	2	6
Per Dr. C. Murrell (drawing-room meeting)	0	8	10
Miss M. E. Robinson	1	5	0
Miss Ada D. Tyers	0	2	6
Miss Elspeth Weir	0	2	6
Miss E. Ross	0	0	6
Mrs. Macdonald	1	0	0
Miss Flora Macdonald	1	0	0
Mrs. Scawthorne	0	8	0
Miss W. E. Ellis	0	2	0
Mrs. F. E. Carlile	0	7	0
Mrs. W. B. Craig	1	1	0
Clapham Common coll. per Mrs. Roberts	0	3	6
Per Richmond W.S.P.U.—			
E. G. Clayton, Esq.	0	10	6
Mrs. C. T. Clayton	0	7	6
Per Miss L. Ainsworth—			
Miss Holden	0	1	6
Mrs. Coope	0	2	0
Miss Hutchinson	0	0	6
Miss Graveson	0	0	6
Anon.	0	2	0
Extra on "V. f. W."	0	1	0
Miss Marston	0	4	0
Mrs. Pollard	0	1	0
Mrs. Scowcroft	0	1	0
Per Miss Burns—			
Miss Hislop	0	4	0
"Anyone"	0	2	0
Miss Lucy Burns	0	4	10
Miss Carlyle Graham	0	5	0
"A Friend," per Miss Ross	0	2	0
Mrs. & Miss Neasham	0	2	0
Mrs. Laing	1	0	0
Miss Methven	0	6	0
Per Mrs. Clarke—			
For Telephone	0	3	10
Miss Theobald	0	2	6
Per Miss Evans—			
Speakers' Class	0	3	6
Mrs. Brewster	2	0	0
Office Fund	0	5	9
Wolverhampton Members	0	3	0
Miss Midgeley	0	3	0
H. Wilson, Esq.	0	0	6
Mrs. Parker	1	5	0
Per Miss Fagg—			
Miss Pisenti	0	3	0
Per Miss Jeffrey—			
Miss Nelly Neave	0	2	6
Per Miss A. Kenney—			
"A Slow Convert"	0	1	0
Mrs. Crichton	0	5	0
Sweet stall per the Misses James, Platnauer and Stewart	1	4	0
Extra on "V. f. W."	0	0	5
Per Lady Constance Lytton—			
Miss Marie Hamilton	0	4	0
Per Miss Macaulay—			
Mrs. Harley	0	1	0
Miss Carter	0	1	9
"Pound Day"	1	8	3
Profit on Shop	0	8	0
Miss Tamlyn	0	1	4
Per Miss Margesson—			
Miss Cobb	1	0	0
Mrs. McNeill	5	0	0
Miss Margesson	1	0	0
Per Miss Mills—			
Sale, Shop furniture	2	18	1
Miss M. Mills	0	5	0
Per Miss D. Pethick—			
Profit on Tea,	0	1	8
" " Shop	2	6	0
" " "V. f. W."	0	10	7
Per Miss Phillips—			
Miss Eva Lishmann	0	2	6
Miss F. Lishmann	0	2	6
Miss Thornton	0	0	6
Mrs. Townend	0	0	6
Per Miss Williams—			
Mrs. Anderson	0	3	0
Rev. A. R. Cornibeer	1	1	0
Speakers' Class	0	2	0
"At Home" Tea	0	6	9
Miss Violet Taylor	1	0	0
Goods Sold	0	17	8

For Organiser.

	£	s.	d.
Miss A. N. Wood	0	4	0

For Procession.

	£	s.	d.
Miss E. M. Chesson	0	1	6
Miss Emily Duncan	1	1	0
Miss Hastie	0	2	0
Mrs. A. B. Jones	1	1	0
Miss M. Mack Wall	1	0	0
Mrs. E. F. Phipps	3	0	0
Miss M. E. Payton	0	10	0
Miss Vine	0	8	0
Miss M. Stack	0	10	6
Misses P. & A. Sabine	0	5	0
Miss Rhind	0	10	0
Miss May L. Lee	0	1	6
Mrs. Roy Rothwell	1	1	0
Miss A. Laycock	0	1	0
Mrs. Tobias Matthay	0	5	0
Miss Minna Green	0	6	0
Miss Helen Gratton	0	1	0
Mrs. Agnes Bassage	0	1	0
Ilford Members	0	6	0
Ipswich Members	0	17	6
Graduates' Contingent	0	12	0
Miss Edith Cobb (banner)	0	9	6
Purple, White and Green Club (banner)	2	9	6
Isle of Sheppey N.U.W.S.S. (banner)	0	9	6
Uxbridge N.U.W.S.S (banner)	0	9	6
Women Teachers (do.)	0	17	6
Camberwell Members (do.)	0	16	0
Lambeth Members (do.)	0	10	6
Southport Members (do.)	0	19	0
Putney and Fulham Members (banner)	0	8	0
Chelsea Members (do.)	0	8	0
Birkenhead Members (banner)	0	10	0
Blackheath Contingent (do.)	0	10	0
Farnham Contingent (do.)	0	10	0
Reading Contingent (do.)	0	10	0
Portsmouth Contingent (banner)	0	10	0
Norwich Contingent (do.)	0	10	0
German Contingent (do.)	0	8	0
Norwegian Contingent (do.)	0	8	0
South African Contingent (banner)	0	8	0
New Zealand Contingent (banner)	1	13	0
Per Miss L. Ainsworth—			
Bolton Members (banner)	0	8	0
Per Miss Evans—			
Banner Fund	0	7	0
Per Miss Hewitt—			
Preston Members (banner)	0	8	0
Per Miss Jeffrey (St. Pancras banner)—			
Miss Farmer	0	1	0
Miss C. E. Mordan	0	2	6
Miss C. Williamson	0	1	0
Miss Page	0	0	6
Miss M. Pool	0	2	0
St. Pancras Members	0	15	9
Per Lady Constance Lytton (musicians' banner)—			
Mrs. M. E. Aldis	0	5	0
Miss Elizabeth Crome	0	1	0
Miss D. Hollins	0	5	0
Miss Edith Clegg	0	2	0
Miss Edith Scruby	0	2	0
— McAlpine, Esq.	0	2	6
Mrs. M. H. Walkey, L.R.A.M.	0	1	0
Miss Ethel Spark	0	2	0
Madame Sims-Miss	0	2	6
Miss Rosabel Watson	0	2	0
Mrs. H. Packer	0	1	0
Per Miss Marsh (Clerks' and Typists' banner)—			
Miss Ethel Gould	0	1	0
Miss Campbell	0	2	0
Miss P. Ayrton (coll.)	0	0	8
E. M. S.	0	0	6
G. O. C.	0	0	6
H. W.	0	0	6
E. H.	0	0	6
Three Clerks	0	1	0
Workers	0	5	0

For Self-Denial.

	£	s.	d.
Miss C. W. Haig	1	1	0
Mrs. Keeling	0	10	0
Miss P. Hopwood	0	5	0
Anon	0	5	0
Miss A. M. Cheshire	0	10	6
Mrs. Caroline Bryant	0	18	0
Miss L. E. Turquand	0	5	0
Miss E. Splatt	0	1	0
Miss E. R. Lewis	0	10	0
Preston W.S.P.U. (Jumble Sale)	3	0	0
Mrs. J. J. Miles	1	0	0
Miss Janie Whittaker	5	15	0
Mrs. Sugden	0	5	0
Miss Lucy R. Smyth	0	5	0
Miss Edith A. Smyth	1	0	0
Miss Rhind	0	10	0
Miss Eleanor Stephens	0	5	0
Mrs. Clare H. Luck	0	10	6
Miss Hannah Ware	0	1	0
Miss F. E. Gardner	0	5	0
Mrs. M. B. Child	1	0	0
Per Miss Burns—			
Miss M. Thomson	0	2	6
Per Miss Evans—			
Miss George	0	2	6
H. Wilson, Esq.	0	3	0
Mrs. Lacon	0	1	0
Per Miss D. Pethick—			
Mrs. Taylor	1	12	6
Per Miss Phillips—			
Mrs. Mullineaux	0	5	6
Collecting Cards—			
Miss Ivy Heppell	0	6	0
W. S.	0	16	6
Mrs. Annie Blackford	0	3	3
Miss Amy Powell	1	0	0
Miss C. S. Howse	1	0	0
Mrs. B. B. Jenkins	0	15	0
Miss Edith C. Mott	1	0	0
Mrs. Nellie Morris	0	10	0
Miss Kate Somers	0	3	6
Mrs. Beatrice Sanders	0	15	0
Miss Gipsy Woolf	0	11	0
Miss A. M. Farmer	0	2	6
Mrs. A. Tuson	0	7	7
Mrs. B. Marquis	1	5	0
Miss Jessie Smith	1	1	0
Miss I. C. Jarvis	0	1	6
Miss A. Cousens	0	4	6
Mrs. Effie Bailey	1	1	0
Miss C. H. Müller	0	10	0
Miss Janie Whittaker	1	10	6
Miss M. A. Warter (additional)	0	5	0
Miss M. Nicholson	0	7	6
Miss L. S. Hope	0	7	0
Miss Mildred Berridge	0	5	0
Mrs. Lilian McRay	0	5	0
Miss M. C. Bray	0	2	6
Miss Annie Morgan	0	7	6
Mrs. Eda Slater	1	0	0
Miss Grace Kirby	0	6	0
Miss Hilda Kirby	0	4	9
Anon.	0	6	0
Miss Crick	1	0	0
Mrs. F. Mockford	0	7	0
Miss Bessie Heyes	0	7	0
Miss V. A. Deane	0	13	6
Miss M. Barry-Band	0	5	0
Per Mrs. Clarke—			
Miss Margaret Gaze	1	0	0
Per Miss A. Kenney—			
The Misses James	1	5	0
Mrs. Mason	0	4	1
Mrs. Bailey	0	2	6
Mrs. E. A. Maggs	0	2	0
Mrs. Dove-Willcox (additional)	0	4	6
Per Miss A. Williams—			
Miss Ethel Brown	0	2	0
Mrs. Crow	0	7	6
Mrs. Brown	0	13	6
Miss Snowden	0	6	0
Miss C. Willcox	0	4	6
Membership Fees	11	5	0
Collections, etc.—			
London	33	1	1
Per Mrs. Baines	0	7	4
" Miss Burns	10	19	1
" Miss Cameron	0	6	7
" Mrs. Clarke	0	11	3
" Miss Evans	6	12	0
" Miss Fagg	0	19	1
" Miss Hewitt	4	19	0
" Miss Jeffery	0	12	7
" Miss A. Kenney	0	1	7
" Miss Macaulay	1	1	2
" Miss Margesson	0	5	6
" Miss Marsh	2	13	1
" Miss Pethick	1	11	11
" Miss Phillips	0	4	3
" Miss Williams	0	16	1
Total	£68,681	10	11

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

TO HYDE PARK! SATURDAY, JULY 23.
Form up 3 p.m. Start 4 p.m.
Meeting 5.30 p.m. Resolution 6.30 p.m.

Wanted! Every member of the W.S.P.U. to communicate with the organiser of her district or contingent, or with Miss Christabel Pankhurst, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., saying what time she can give between now and July 23 to making this great Demonstration known everywhere. Send in your names! Consult the Programme for all meetings!

Sir John Rolleston, M.P.

Next Monday (the first day of the second reading of the Woman Suffrage Bill in the House of Commons), the speaker at the Queen's Hall meeting, at 3 p.m., will be Sir John Rolleston, M.P., so well known as a supporter of the Suffrage movement. Sir John Rolleston, who will probably take part in the discussion in the House, represented Leicester in the House of Commons for six years, contested Hertford at the General Election in January of this year, was returned by a majority of 1,692 over the Liberal candidate, Mr. E. B. Barnard, and balloted for a Woman Suffrage Bill at the opening of the present Parliament. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence will be in the chair, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Mr. J. H. Cousins will also speak.

The Bill Must Go Through!

Throughout the country great Demonstrations will be held in support of the Conciliation Committee's Bill, and in preparation for the Monster Demonstration in Hyde Park on July 23. To-night, at 8 p.m., Mrs. Pankhurst will address a public meeting in the Town Hall, Hove; on Monday, July 18, Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at Ipswich, and demonstrations will be held at Manchester on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10; at Reading, Birmingham, Newcastle, Liverpool, and Southport on Saturday, July 16; at Nottingham on Monday, July 18; at Croydon on July 19, and at Harrogate on Friday, July 22. Details will be found under Reports from Organisers, pp. 671-3.

NEW BOOKS.

"Women's Fight for the Vote," by F. W. Pethick Lawrence, price 6d. net and 1s. net. "Rebel Women," by Evelyn Sharp, price 1s. net. "Woman Suffrage in Many Lands" (new and revised edition), by Alice Zimmern, price 1s. net. By post 1d. extra. To be obtained from the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

"KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY."

Never has the St. James' Hall witnessed a fuller or more enthusiastic gathering than that of last Thursday night, when the news that the Prime Minister had that afternoon fixed two days for the second reading was announced, and elicited great outbursts of applause. Miss Pankhurst referred to the Bill as "The Great Reform Bill of the Twentieth Century," and said that while the prospect of victory opened up in all its grandeur and splendour, the main responsibility rested still upon the women. The demonstration to take place on the 23rd inst. must be bigger, more beautiful, and more enthusiastic and memorable than any demonstration yet held. Practice in militancy had made women more efficient and capable in constitutional effort. If women could not work now, when would they be able to? Only a little more effort and the vote would be won.

Miss Evelyn Sharp, in her usual delightful way, called upon women to come now and take their stand for freedom. The Procession of June 18 had shown that women were "fair as the sun and clear as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners." She was glad the victory had not been won too easily, because there was nothing more certain than that the things won by a hard fight were the things most highly prized.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who was greeted with prolonged applause, spoke of the happiness and pride of women that day—happiness because they had won a great victory, and pride because they had deserved it. "Be ready," she counselled, "be strong, be one; trust your cause, trust yourselves, trust your leaders—(prolonged applause)—and keep your powder dry." Addressing the many strangers present, Mrs. Lawrence touched on the meaning of the movement in its political and in its spiritual aspect. From a spiritual point of view the enemies were not the Government, not even the Prime Minister, who was only an instrument of destiny, but sloth, prejudice and baseness. Women were called to a great spiritual warfare, and it was from that point of view that every sacrifice—and women had made many—was worth while. The movement was only just beginning, and women to-day were guarding the tender root which would in the future blossom into such perfect life. It was a human movement: a movement for human liberty and towards the better mutual understanding of men and women.

THE PROSPECTS OF THE BILL.

Everyone at the Queen's Hall on Monday last was anxious to know what she could do to help forward the Bill, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence who was in the chair, explained that all influence, personally or by letter, must be concentrated on urging Members of Parliament to vote for the Bill. For the benefit of newcomers she explained something of the militant methods, instancing others, like the Americans and Young Turks, who fought for their freedom. "To fight for the right is noble, and to acquiesce in a wrong is base.

Miss Christabel Pankhurst explained Parliamentary procedure with regard to the Bill. After the second reading, which she was sure would show a large majority in favour, the Bill (having been so carefully worded that practically no amendments were possible), ought to go to a Grand Committee, and when it had passed through this Committee stage it could have its third reading and become law this Session. If, however, it was referred to a Committee of the whole House, it would be much more difficult to get it carried. and a special resolution asking for special days for discussion would be required. This, therefore, was what the enemies of the Bill might try to do, and members of the Union should write to all Members of Parliament they knew asking them to vote for the Bill, and to ensure its going to a Grand Committee, and they might warn those Members who had pledged themselves to oppose it that the Division Lists would be carefully scanned and remembered by women, and that such Members would be wise to be absent from the House during division. The three or four days required for the Bill was not much to ask; it was a very fair and reasonable demand.

Mrs. Pankhurst drew a parallel between the American War of Independence and the suffrage movement. The Government of that day made the great mistake of thinking they could legislate for others, and women nowadays were fighting for the same right of freedom as the Americans did then. She quoted some statistics on out-relief which we deal with elsewhere, showing the position of poor women under man-made laws. It was essential that women should get the vote before more legislation affecting them was passed into law.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence called on every member to work for the great Demonstration in Hyde Park. There were only two weeks to arrange work that would in the ordinary course take three or four months, but the Union had done miracles before, and it was determined to make this a wonderful success. Help of all kinds was needed, and every member should send in her name at once.

A CORRECTION.

In our report of Mr. Keir Hardie's speech last week we printed the word "washerwoman" in mistake for "working-woman" in the sentence where, answering the objection that the Bill would only enfranchise ladies, he said: "As if a working woman could not be a lady."

ECHOES OF JUNE 18.

Whatever may be one's attitude towards the Suffrage movement, I do not think there will be found many to deny that the huge procession was a welcome sight, regarded from an æsthetic standpoint. It brought back a splash of colour to London's streets, wrapped these many weeks in sombre gloom. It is a deserved tribute to woman's natural taste and deftness to say that she manages the picturesque side of her crusade far better than man could do it for her. Yesterday she converted London's finest boulevard into a glowing feast of colour. . . . . I have seen many Suffragist processions and they have interested me sufficiently to note the changes and evolutions which they bring to light. Yesterday's display was marked, I think, by the presence in greater numbers of men—and girls. The former are evidently losing the sense of incongruity that comes of being associated with a movement that is exclusively feminine. The latter are attracted to the cause—by what, I wonder?

—**Sunday Times.**

As a display in favour of woman suffrage there has never been anything like yesterday's procession, and it is doubtful even if there has been since 1832 any demonstration in favour of any public movement which attained such proportions or aroused such widespread interest.

—**Lloyd's Weekly.**

The demonstration was organised by the Suffragettes, and was certainly the most imposing and successful of any hitherto arranged. . . . The procession was easily the largest that has been seen along the Embankment for some years.

—**Weekly Dispatch.**

There were two new features of yesterday's procession of women in support of the Suffrage Bill now before Parliament. First, it was the prettiest procession we have yet had, and, secondly, the crowd that gathered to watch it was larger than any hitherto. . . . This procession marched along as a thing already accepted by London, no longer fighting for mere recognition, but relying on its established recognition for something else.

—**Manchester Guardian.**

London has seen no such sight as that of Saturday, when 10,000 women, drawn from every grade and rank of Society, walked from the Embankment to the mass meeting in the Albert Hall. There have been other processions of which those who have taken part have felt proud, but this of Saturday was a triumph. . . . Perhaps, however, the most astonishing moments of all were when an appeal was made for subscriptions. . . . . This was the test of reality, and in dramatic fashion it set the seal upon the most remarkable demonstration of women that this country has seen.

—**Westminster Gazette.**

The loyalty of Liberal women has been strained almost to breaking point by the long continued ignoring of their claims, and they are anxiously watching events.

—**Wallasey News.**

Ten thousand women, seven hundred banners, forty bands, the whole forming a procession two miles long, and escorted by a thousand police—these main details give but an insignificant idea of the magnitude of the monster demonstration held by the Women's Social and Political Union last night in furtherance of the cause of Women's Suffrage. The procession formed the most ambitious scheme and most imposing display yet formulated by both militant and non-militant Suffragettes to impress upon the Government of the day how strong is the feeling amongst many women in the country in favour of the extension of the franchise, and to give support to the Woman's Suffrage Bill introduced into the House of Commons last week.

—**The Referee.**

It was a gay pageant of music and flowers, such as one might see in some southern city of sunshine, for each of the 10,000 women who took part in the march carried fragrant June flowers in her hands, and the air was filled with the triumphal music of 40 bands. . . . The Procession was not only the most picturesque, but it was also by far the most representative and united of the series of processions which has passed through the streets of London during the last four years to demonstrate to onlookers the extent and earnestness of women's demand for civic rights.

—**The Observer.**

London has never seen such a procession of women, and seldom such a procession at all. Those who took part in it hailed from every district in the Kingdom, and from almost every colony in the Empire and nearly every country in Europe.

Daily Sketch.

The procession of women on Saturday evening from the Embankment to the Albert Hall by reason of its size and its organisation was a most striking exhibition of faith and strength.

Morning Post.

Young and old, they [the Prisoners' Contingent] marched splendidly forward, the 600 martyrs to a cause which a few years ago excited ridicule and laughter, but which to-day stands for systematised agitation, methodical propaganda, for the rights of women, so long delayed and now so nobly earned. Pass on 600; may your names be emblazoned in the hearts and printed on the minds of every woman who tells and knows the wrongs which, as a class, you have suffered. . . .

Thousands of men who, for the first time, saw the hoods of the women realised that, largely unaided, she has achieved her success, and in generous cheers they gave woman her meed of success, all the more acceptable because long delayed, but publicly and warmly given. . . .

It was grandly conceived, well executed, and rarely organised, and if success does not crown the efforts of the women it will not be the fault of those whose brains and energy have organised this monster procession. . . .

Let us gladly own Saturday was a great day, and only those who saw it can realise the weeks of trouble and care that must have been gone through to achieve this most brilliant finale to an equally fine campaign. What will be the result? Can matters remain as they are? Are the weeks of labour to be wasted? Are the days of quiescent yet pertinacious persuasion to have no reward? Will the Conciliation Committee fail to pass their Bill? We cannot think so. But we hope that, if any delay or any evil befall the movement, the energies of the women will be redoubled, and be directed to make things unpleasant for those who betray them or hoodwink them with fair words. Their efforts deserve success. Their patience demands it. May all they desire be theirs!

The Planet.

No undertaking of the sort could have been better conceived or carried out by members of the sterner sex. Only those who have had to do with processions can realise the magnitude of the task involved in the assembling and marshalling of ten thousand people. But the task was carried through without mishap of any kind, and the entire demonstration from the meeting on the Embankment to the proceedings in the Albert Hall was a pronounced success.

Southport Visitor.

WORKING UP THE DEMONSTRATION.

Although owing to the change in the political situation, the date of the Demonstration has only just been decided, the organisers of the various contingents are already hard at work. There is, indeed, not a moment to lose, for the time between now and the 23rd is all to short for the great task before us. Women who belong to any of the sections enumerated below are asked to send in their names and to do all they can to make the Demonstration known among their colleagues.

Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors.

Mrs. Fisher, 26, Denning Road, Hampstead, N.W.

It is hoped that a strong contingent will take part in the Demonstration on July 23. For further particulars apply to Mrs. Fisher.

Business Women.

Miss Vibert and Miss Fargus, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Miss Vibert and Miss Fargus have again undertaken the working up of this contingent, and all business women intending to take part are asked to communicate with them without delay.

Women Gardeners and Florists.

Organiser: Miss Lennox, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A feature of the Hyde Park Demonstration will be the group of women gardeners and florists. Already the different horticultural colleges have been approached, and there is every indication that large number of women gardeners will respond. Friends are asked to send in their names at once.

Irish Contingent.

Organiser: Miss Lennox, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A special appeal is made to Irishwomen in London to take part in the Demonstration. There are hundreds of Irish suffragists in London, and we look to them to come forward and do their utmost to make this contingent a success. To ensure this, every woman, after she has given in her own name, is asked to do all that lies in her power to gather in all her friends, and for the next fortnight to make the Demonstration known in every possible way. A preliminary meeting will be held next Tuesday, July 12, at the W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, at 8 p.m., and all Irishwomen are earnestly requested to be present. Workers are wanted immediately; all names to be sent to Miss Lennox.

Civil Servants, Stenographers and Clerks.

Organiser: Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Once more members of these professions are working for a Demonstration, and the organiser is confident of even larger contingents on July 23 than those of June 18. To ensure this a great deal of work must be done. Handbills may be obtained on application at the W.S.P.U. offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Gymnastic Teachers.

Mrs. E. Adair Impey, Cropthorne, King's Norton Birmingham.

The Gymnastic Teachers' Suffrage Society is again desirous of co-operating with the W.S.P.U. in the procession to Hyde Park on July 23. All teachers, therefore, who are professionally engaged in teaching gymnastics should apply to the organiser for enrolment in this contingent. In the forthcoming procession, as in the last, this contingent should be characterised by good marching and good carriage. Gymnastic teachers bringing friends are therefore asked to find places for them elsewhere in the procession, but it is hoped that such regulation will not serve to deter any properly qualified people from marching with their professional fellows. See VOTES FOR WOMEN for further notices.

Outdoor Campaign.

Organiser: Miss Elsa Gye, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A vigorous outdoor campaign is being conducted, and the organiser is urgently in need of bill distributors and bannerette holders for Monday mornings to advertise the weekly free meetings at Queen's Hall. Handbills and instructions can be obtained from Miss Elsa Gye either on Saturday or Monday mornings at the W.S.P.U. offices, 4, Clements Inn. Handbills will be sent to any member in London who will distribute them in her own immediate neighbourhood. For meetings see "London Meetings" (page 672).

Chalking Brigade.

Organiser: Miss Cynthia Maguire, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

One of the most effective ways of making the Procession known is by chalking notices on the pavements. For this easy and pleasant work volunteers will be gladly welcomed. They should send in their names at once to Miss Cynthia Maguire. Chalking parties will go out from 4, Clements Inn, at 6.30 every evening from now until July 23.

PRO PATRIA.

Undaunted daughters of the land
Where freedom holds her own;
The day will dawn in triumph yet
On hearts and hands in courage met—
A great day, all our own.

Arise, then! Gather rank on rank,
Our banner held full high;
Alike unheeding scoff and jeer,
Without dismay, without a fear,
Voice our united cry.

We seek not to usurp the place
Of father, brother, kin,
But seek to stand beside their best,
To aid and follow in their quest,
Their rights and ours to win.

Our common British weal we wish.
Why should we idly stand?
God made us helpmeets. Surely then
As patriotic as the men,
Show how we love our land!

G. G. M.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISERS.

Another Demonstration is almost upon us! Only two weeks in which to prepare for the greatest, the most beautiful, and the most impressive demonstration yet held in the course of this agitation. Those who did not join in the Procession of June 18 are to have an opportunity of showing their faith on July 23; those who did march on June 18 are invited to come forward again and bring with them as many friends as possible. Until the Conciliation Committee's Bill is through, every effort of every member and friend must be concentrated on showing the Government that women are in deadly earnest. Workers should communicate at once with their district or contingent organiser. Helpers are immediately needed for chalking parties, hand-bill distribution, and work in other ways. Some preliminary reports from Organisers of Contingents will be found on page 664.

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

On page 670 will be found some details of the outdoor campaign. Workers in London should communicate at once with Miss Elsa Gye, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

More sellers of VOTES FOR WOMEN are wanted, and workers are reminded of the poster parades on Tuesdays at 3 p.m., and Fridays at 11 a.m., from the Woman's Press Shop, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. They should communicate at once with Miss Ainsworth.

All Band communications should be sent to Mrs. Leigh, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

An announcement *re* Speakers' Class will be found on p. 675.

Reports from the London Districts.

BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM.

Organiser: Miss Laura Ainsworth 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*)—Mrs. Halsey, 48, Cambridge Mansions.

Battersea and Clapham must play up well on July 23. A business meeting is being held to-night (Friday) at 84, Elspeth Road, Lavender Hill, at 7.30. Will all members try to be there as each must take her share in the work necessary to make the Demonstration a magnificent success. Two or three meetings will be held each evening as well as dinner-hour meetings. Chalkers, paper-sellers, bill distributors, speakers, all are wanted; there is work for all. Will all members and friends communicate with the organiser.

BOWES PARK.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Neal, 63, Goring Road.

By open-air meetings and in other ways the great Demonstration on July 23 is being advertised. Members are called upon to do their utmost to make it a great success.

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

Organiser—Miss Elsa Gye.

Office—55, Church Street, Camberwell.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hefford, 54, Barry Road, East Dulwich.

The campaign is concentrated now on preparation for the Demonstration of July 23. Meetings are being held daily throughout the district and work is going ahead. Mrs. Mockford has kindly promised two drawing-room meetings (see programme), one on Wednesday, July 13, at which Mrs. Brailsford will speak, and another on Thursday, July 21, at which Miss Evelyn Sharp will speak. Miss Wallace, of 100, Grove Lane, Camberwell, has also kindly promised her drawing-room for a meeting.

CHELSEA AND KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—303, King's Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Barry.

All energies have been employed in advertising the Court Theatre meeting on Thursday (7th), at 3 p.m. Many outdoor meetings have been held, and 20,000 handbills distributed. The Committee thank Miss Carey, Miss Gratton, Mrs. Jollie, Mrs. Park, the Misses Whately, Miss Wolfe, Mrs. Wix, and especially Miss E. C. Haig, who gave up her holiday to help. Will members and friends send in their names at once saying what part they can take in the Great Demonstration on July 23.

CHISWICK.

Shop—279, High Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. A. Coombes, 98, Sutton Court Road.

CROYDON.

Office — 2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 969 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron Swan, 79, Mayfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.

A demonstration at Duppas Hill on July 19 will advertise the Procession of July 23. Will members make inquiries at the local office? All arrangements will be discussed at the members' meeting on Monday (8 p.m.). Many thanks to Miss Neligan for 11s. 0d. donation. Miss Cynthia Maguire's valuable help on Sunday was greatly appreciated.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss V. H. Friedlaender, 129, Earlham Grove.

Miss Bonwick's splendid speech on Friday forced open admiration from a large audience, and at East Ham on Tuesday, when Miss Haslam spoke, the paper-selling record was once again broken. The average number of papers sold at a meeting has doubled in the last six months. The following members and friends are cordially thanked for prompt and generous response to the appeal for an Extra Meetings Fund:—Mrs. Walshe, Friedlaender, Cuttle, Moore, Steward; Dr. Heanley; the Misses Widdicombe, Heanley, Hare, Williams, E. K. Brown, D. Brown, Taylor. The extra meetings will now be doubly useful as a means of advertising July 23. The first two have been much appreciated.

HACKNEY.

Organiser—Miss Helen Craggs, 4, Clements Inn Shop—257, Dalston Lane (Mare Street).

Active work has begun, and all who can spare an hour or so are asked to call at the Shop. Help is particularly needed in the evenings, and for indoor meetings, before the 23rd. A Hackney Campaign Fund has been opened. Gratefully acknowledged, Mrs. Brannan, £2 15s. 0d.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

Remember, the local M.P. is on the Conciliation Committee. Write to him, and get all men friends and relations to do the same; and send in names for all kinds of help in view of the 23rd. Three open-air meetings daily will be held, and helpers are urgently needed. A hint to competitors: the Japan-British Exhibition pitch is an excellent one! Thanks to Mrs. Underwood, Miss Wills, Miss Forth, and Miss Challen for subscriptions towards rent of shop.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*)—Miss Maud Harvey, 37, Norfolk Road, Seven Kings.

Splendidly attended meetings and good sales of the paper are reported. This Union will have a decorated car in the Hospital Carnival to-morrow, when a large number of paper sellers are needed. A supply of papers will be in the van.

ISLINGTON.

Organiser—Miss E. M. Fagg, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Hon. Sec —Miss Casserley.

The Demonstration on July 23 is now the object of the work here. The organiser hopes that even more members will come forward this time! Drawing rooms are wanted for meetings. Will members, if they cannot lend one themselves, try and obtain one from friends? Campaign funds are also very urgently needed, and it is hoped that everyone will do her best, both by giving and influencing friends to give. A very good meeting was held at Newington Green on Sunday, when Miss Barwell spoke; next Sunday the speaker will be Mrs. Drummond. Will members please make this known? Acknowledged with thanks: Miss. Dodd, 5s.; Miss MacDermott, 4s.; Miss Strachan, 1s.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2116 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Eates, 7, Wrentham Avenue, Willesden, and Miss Morrison, B.A.

At the workers' meeting held last week several members came forward to undertake regular paper-selling at High Street, Westbourne Grove and Notting Hill; will others volunteer to sell at Earl's Court Station, where there is always a brisk sale in the evenings? Suitable goods for an Autumn Jumble Sale will be stored by Mrs. Denibas, 34, Elgin Crescent, W. Parcels may be sent to her from now onwards.

LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drewstead Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 23, Acacia Grove, Dulwich.

A vigorous open-air campaign is now in progress. Will workers make a special point of attending the meetings to help? Drawing-room meetings will also be held; several offers have already been received. For meetings please see programme.

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Offices—107, High Street, Lewisham.

Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*)—Mrs. McKenzie, "La Quinta," Grove Park, Lewisham.

Meetings are being held daily this week. For Thursday, Friday, and Saturday workers are urgently needed. Members are cordially invited to meet for tea at the shop on Saturday next. Sunday's Blackheath meeting, addressed by Mrs. Cameron Swan, was most successful.

NORTH ISLINGTON (LATE HORNSEY).

Hon. Secs.—Miss Clare Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate, and Miss Jackson, 46, Langdon Park Road, Highgate.

Active preparations are being made for advertising the Demonstration on July 23 by extra open-air meetings, poster parades, and in other ways. As so many members are teachers, and consequently will be having holidays before July 23, it is hoped that others who are not similarly engaged will rally round so that this contingent may be as large as possible. The meeting at the Boston last month proved so successful that regular fortnightly meetings will be held there in future, commencing to-night (July 8), when Mrs. Drummond will speak. Thanks to Miss Hume for £1 donation and to Miss Jones for altering name on bannerette. Help the funds by buying at the shop.

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—215, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183 Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, Nicoll Road, Willesden.

The very satisfactory increase in the sale of the paper has been maintained, and enthusiastic outdoor meetings have been held. As the Sunday meeting in Gladstone Park had to be abandoned on account of the rain, Miss C. A. L. Marsh has kindly promised another visit. An immense number of meetings will be held between now and July 23. Much canvassing, advertising, and other work will be done, and every member is asked to take some share and ensure a great success. Please call at the shop, where work of all kinds awaits everyone, and help the funds by making purchases at the shop.

PADDINGTON.

Hon. Sec:—Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 31, Bedford Street Strand, W.C.

Shop:—80, Praed Street, W.

Work goes ahead energetically. The rent of the shop has been collected, but further sums are needed towards papering, etc. Gratefully acknowledged:—£5 subscription from Mrs. Wilson; 5s. from Mrs Franklin. Drawing-room meetings are being arranged.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shop—905, Fulham Road. Organiser—Miss Jarvis. Hon. Secs.—Miss Cutten, 43, St. Maur Road, Fulham, and Mrs. H. Roberts.

Volunteers wanted at once! The new Demonstration (July 23) will be upon us in a fortnight, and there are still arrears on the banner of the 18th. Some weekly guarantees are also in arrears (quarter day was June 21). Members are reminded that supporters at open-air meetings are always welcome. For list of meetings please see programme.

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road, Richmond.

The striking speeches of Miss G. A. Richard, Mr. Cecil Chapman, Miss Jacobs and Miss A. Kelly are

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LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

July.			
Friday, 8	Brecknock Road, The Boston	Mrs. Drummond	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Brixton, Rushcroft Road	Miss Cameron	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Brondesbury, Iverson Road		7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	156, Charing Cross Road	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
,, ,,	Cazenove Road, Stamford Hill	Mrs. Fahey	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapton, Morning Lane	Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss Richards	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Forest Gate, Sebert Road	Dr. Gordon Clark	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Fulham, Effie Road	Mrs. Massy, Miss Cameron	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Shorrold's Road	Mrs. Oliver Watts, Mrs. Davies	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Munster Road	Miss Pitfield, Miss West	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Hammersmith, The Grove	Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Down Place	Miss A. Kelly	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Catt e Market	Mrs. Leigh	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Copenhagen Street	Mrs. Massy	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Hi hbury Corner	Mrs. Mansell, Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Packington Street	Miss E. Myers	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Penton Street	Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Lewisham, Limes Grove	Mrs. McKenzie	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Peckham Road, Vestry Road	Miss Wylie, Miss Meacock	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Queen's Road, Dalston Lane	Miss Atkinson	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Shepherd's Bush, Caxton Road	Miss Cather	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Tooting Broadway	Miss Marsh, Chair: Mrs. Tyson	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway	Miss Gertrude Lowy; Chair: Mrs. Lorsignol	3.30 p.m.
Saturday, 9	Bassano Road, Lordship Lane	Miss Wylie	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Brondesbury Road	Mrs. Kranich, Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Cazenove Road, Stamford Hill	Miss P. Ayrton	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapton, Powerscroft Road	Mrs. Mansell, Miss Bain	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Cricklewood, Anson Road	Miss Richards, Miss Wright	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Coombs	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Fulham, Effie Road	Miss A. Wright	7 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Shorrold's Road	Miss Pitfield, Miss Cameron	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Munster Road	Miss Richard, Miss Shellshear	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Fulham Cross	Mrs. Oliver Watts, Miss Wright	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Hammersmith, The Grove	Mrs. Butler	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Victor Duval, Esq., Miss Grant	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Highbury Corner	Miss Barwell, Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Packington Street	Miss Canning, Miss Meacock	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Mrs. Brailsford	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Lewisham, The Obelisk		7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	2, New Road, Campden Hill, W.	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Putney, Montserrat Road	Miss Barwell, Miss Cutten	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Richmond, Fire Station		8 p.m.
,, ,,	Rye Lane, The Triangle	Mrs. Massy	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Shepherd's Bush, Railway Approach	Miss Wright	8 p.m.
,, ,,	West Croydon, Derby Road		7 p.m.
,, ,,	West Kensington Station	Miss Cather	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Willesden Green Library	Miss Bickerton, Miss E. Myers	8 p.m.
Sunday, 10	Battersea Park	Miss Vera Wentworth	6.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Brockwell Park	Miss Cameron	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapham Common	Miss G. Brackenbury, Miss Heatley	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapton, Morning Lane	Mrs. Brindley, Miss Barwell	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Croydon, Duppas Hill	Miss Freeman	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Finsbury Park	Miss Gibson	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Gladstone Park	Miss E. Myers	6 p.m.
,, ,,	Hampstead Heath		11.30 a.m.
,, ,,	Hyde Park	Mrs. Drummond; Chair: Miss Coombs	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Kew, Bridge Approach	Miss Jacobs	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Lewisham, Hilly Fields		6 p.m.
,, ,,	Newington Green	Mrs. Drummond, Miss E. Myers	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Peckham Rye	Miss Naylor	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Putney Heath	Miss A. Wright	6.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Ravenscourt Park	Mrs. Butler	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Regent's Park	Miss Cather, Miss Meacock	6 p.m.
,, ,,	Streatham Common	Miss C. A. L. Marsh	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Victoria Park	Miss Laura Ainsworth	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Wimbledon Common	Mrs. Brailsford; Chair: Mrs. Lorsignol	6 p.m.
Monday, 11	Clapham, opposite The Plough	Miss C. A. L. Marsh	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapton, Powerscroft Road	Mrs. Massy, Miss Meacock	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Fulham, Shorrold's Road	Miss P. Ayrton, Miss Everitt	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Hammersmith, The Grove	Miss Cather	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Down Place	Mrs. Butler	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Miss E. Myers, Miss Grant	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Highbury Corner	Miss Barwell, Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kensal Rise, Harvist Road	Miss Burton, Miss Feek	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Kilburn, Victoria Road	Miss Moore	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Marble Arch		8 p.m.
,, ,,	Putney, Montserrat Road	Mrs. Oliver Watts, Miss Cameron	8 p.m.
,, ,,	**Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.**	**Sir John Rolleston, M.P., Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., J. H. Cousins, Esq.**	**3 to 5 p.m.**
,, ,,	Rye Lane, The Triangle	Miss G. Richards, Miss Dawson	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Shepherd's Bush, Caxton Road	Victor Duval, Esq.	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 12	Brondesbury, Iverson Road	Dr. Hanson, Miss Canning	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	156, Charing Cross Road	Poster Parade	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapton, Morning Lane	Miss Cather	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Cricklewood, Anson Road	Miss Leila Smith	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Croydon, Red Deer	Mrs. Cameron-Swan	7 p.m.
,, ,,	Finsbury Town Hall	Miss Naylor, Miss Todd	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Fulham, Parson's Green	Mrs. Oliver Watts, Miss Wright	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Miss Jacobs, Miss Grant	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Highbury Corner	Mrs. Brailsford, Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, — Packington Street	Mrs. Brindley	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Leytonstone, Green Man		8 p.m.
,, ,,	Marble Arch	Miss Canning, Miss Thompson	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Peckham Road, Vestry Road	Miss Myers, Miss Knight	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Putney, Montserrat Road	Miss West, Miss Shellshear	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Queen's Road, Dalston Lane	Victor Duval, Esq.	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Ravenscourt Avenue	Miss A. Kelly	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Shepherd's Bush, Railway Approach	G. Warre Cornish, Esq.	8 p.m.
,, ,,	West Kensington Station	Mrs. Cather	—
,, ,,	Willesden Green Station	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, 13	Chelsea, 308, King's Road	Captain Goune	8.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapham Park, 185, King's Avenue	The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Clapton, Powerscroft Road	Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Dulwich Library	Miss Meacock, Mrs. Somersby	8.15 p.m.
,, ,,	129, East Dulwich Grove	Drawing-room Meeting, Mrs. Brailsford	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Finsbury Town Hall (outside)		8 p.m.
,, ,,	Fulham, Munster Road	Mrs. Oliver Watts, Miss Cameron	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Shorrold's Road	Miss Richard, Miss Cutten	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Effie Road	Miss Naylor, Miss Everitt	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Hammersmith, The Grove	Miss E. Davison	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Down Place	Nurse Pitfield	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Elsa Myers	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Ilford, outside Station or Town Hall	Miss Wylie	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Copenhagen Street	Victor Duval, Esq., Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Highbury Corner	Miss C. A. L. Marsh, Miss Grant	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Packington Street	Miss Joachim	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kensington, Large Town Hall	**Mrs. Pankhurst, Lady Constance Lytton**	3 p.m.
,, ,,	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Richards, Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Marble Arch		8 p.m.
,, ,,	Shepherd's Bush, Caxton Road	Mrs. Butler	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Willesden Green Library	Mrs. Brindley	7.30 p.m.
Thursday, 14	Camberwell, Goose Green	Miss C. A. L. Marsh, Miss Robinson	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Cazenove Road, Stamford Hill	Miss Bonwick	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Finsbury Park	Miss Bonwick, Miss Rendall	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Fulham, Fulham Cross	Miss Shellshear	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Broughton Road and Wandsworth Bridge Road	Mrs. Oliver Watts, Mrs. Davies	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Hyde Park	Miss Naylor	6 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Packington Street	Mrs. Massy	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Putney, Montserrat Road	Miss Wright	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Queen's Road, Dalston Lane	Mrs. Brindley	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Rye Lane, The Triangle	Miss Ada Wright	9 p.m.
,, ,,	Shepherd's Bush, Railway Approach		8 p.m.
,, ,,	Sloane Square	Miss Naylor, Miss Haig	12 noon
,, ,,	**St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, W.**	**Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B.**	8 p.m.
,, ,,	West Kensington Station	Mrs. Butler	8 p.m.
,, ,,	West Norwood, The Fountain	Miss Tyson	7.30 p.m.
Friday, 15	Brondesbury Road	Mrs. Brailsford	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Cattle Market	Miss M. Cather, Miss E. Fagg	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	156, Charing Cross Road	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
,, ,,	Chelsea, World's End	Miss Barry, Miss Blacklock	—
,, ,,	Copenhagen Street	Miss Barwell, Miss Guttridge	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss Leslie Hall	—
,, ,,	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Bickerton	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Islington, Highbury Corner	Miss Joachim	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Packington Street	Mrs. Brindley	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Kennington Theatre	Miss Wright, Miss Mary Thompson	6.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Kensal Rise, Chevening Road	Dr. Hanson, Miss Naylor	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Harvist Road, Police Station	Miss Wilson, Miss Wright	7.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Marble Arch		8 p.m.
,, ,,	Purley	Mrs. Cameron-Swan, Miss Gliddon	—
,, ,,	Shepherd's Bush, Caxton Road	G. Warre Cornish, Esq.	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Stratford, The Grove	Mrs. Drummond	8 p.m.
,, ,,	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent	Miss Joan Dugdale; Chair, Miss Allen	3.30 p.m.
,, ,,	Hammersmith, The Grove	Miss Cather	8 p.m.
,, ,,	,, Down Place	Victor Duval, Esq.	8 p.m.

producing good results. This energetic Union is preparing for further strenuous efforts, in view of July 23. Much valuable work has been done lately by Miss G. J. Stevenson, Mrs. Casey, Miss H. Moyer, Mr. F. H. Jacobs, and many others.

SYDENHAM AND FOREST HILL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss A. M. Pollard, Marshwood, 5, Burghill Road, Sydenham.

Numbers of letters have been sent by electors to Mr. Asquith and Major Coates urging the importance of the Bill. More help is wanted for selling the paper. Could one or two members promise an hour a week?

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Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Lorsignol, 27, Merton Hall Road.

Will those who have sent in their names for militant action should this be necessary, come forward and help in the great Demonstration on July 23? Volunteers are also urgently needed for shop-stewarding, especially mid-day, and for selling, both on Friday evenings at the station pitches after the At Home and for the selling processions on Saturdays, leaving the shop at 8 p.m. A special pitch was established at the main entrance to the All-England Tennis Ground during the tournament, and the following are to be congratulated on their unfailing tenacity in all weathers: Mrs. Skeate, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Lorsignol, Mrs. Michael, Mrs. Feaver, Miss Barnard. Miss Lee, by carrying a sandwich board, induced several strangers to come in to the At Home addressed by Miss Brackenbury. Will each member make a point of bringing one unconverted friend each Friday? Sunday's meeting and the tennis tournament at Dorset Hall had to be abandoned on account of the rain. The rounds will be played as occasion offers throughout the week. (Entries can still be received for singles, 3d. a head.) The few who ventured to brave the weather on Saturday were entertained to a strawberry tea. All who did not attend will have full money refunded on return of tea tickets to the shop.

Home Counties.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Gwenllian Lewis, 221, Old Christchurch Road.

The sale of VOTES FOR WOMEN continues to be very satisfactory, and new members are joining the Union every week. Last Wednesday, Miss Pridden spoke at an outdoor meeting under the auspices of the Bournemouth M.L.W.S., when a large and enthusiastic audience gathered. The Men's League intend to continue meetings through the summer by the East Cliff Lift, on Wednesdays, at 8.30 p.m.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 3883 (Nat.). Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

A great meeting for Mrs. Pankhurst is anticipated to-night (Friday) at the Hove Town Hall, Miss Mordan in the chair. Tickets (2s. 6d., 1s. 6d., 1s., 6d.) at Messrs. Lyon and Hall's, Potts', and W.S.P.U. office. Efforts are being made to secure a half-day excursion for July 23. Names should be sent in at once. Competition cards can be had at the office. Helpers are needed for outdoor meetings and for the W.S.P.U. part in the Hospital procession on July 16.

Friday, July 8.—Hove Town Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

CANTERBURY AND THANET.

Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, 3, York Terrace, Ramsgate.

A crowded meeting at the Herne Bay Town Hall was an auspicious beginning to Miss Christabel Pankhurst's East Kent tour. At each successive meeting the greatest enthusiasm and appreciation was displayed. The three meetings have created a profound impression, and at each a resolution was carried—at Herne Bay by a large majority, at the Ramsgate Pavilion with only four dissentients, and at Margate unanimously—expressing hearty support of the Bill, and calling upon the local member to be in his place on July 11 and 12. The workers' and members' tea parties given by Mrs. Annesley and Mrs. Barnett-Smith were very much enjoyed. Hearty thanks to all too numerous to name who worked so splendidly. Names for July 23 (great Demonstration) should be given in at once to the organiser, who is hoping to arrange for a cheap train.

Wednesday, July 13.—Margate, Cecil Square, Miss Macaulay, 7.30 p.m.

Friday, July 15.—Ramsgate, Hodgman's Yard, Miss Macaulay, 8 p.m.

RAYLEIGH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage.

Tuesday, July 12.—Drill Hall, 8 p.m.

READING.

Shop and Office: 39, West Street. Organiser—Miss Margesson.

The open-air campaign is proceeding with great vigour and success, and eager crowds gather for dinner-hour and other meetings. Notices of time and place are posted outside the Shop. An open-air campaign is also to be started in Newbury, where Miss Gladice Keevil spoke last week. Reading may congratulate itself on having sold five dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN in one day alone. An evening open-air demonstration to support the Bill will be held in Reading on Saturday, July 16. Each ward of the town and the surrounding country will be specially worked up for this purpose. Will all willing to help offer their services at once as time is short, and it is most important that Reading should not be found wanting at this critical time? Call at the Shop, and give the organiser all your time for the next week.

REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Richmond, Fengates House.

The Suffrage Reunion at Fengates House, on June 29, when Miss Marie Naylor spoke to an appreciative audience, both afternoon and evening, was a great success. Miss Dunton's stall realised a good sale. Thanks are due to her, Miss Hardy, Miss Ford, Mrs. Pearce, Miss Farley, Mrs. Libly, Miss Wilson, and others. Miss Cynthia Maguire addressed the street meeting on July 2, Miss Hardy presiding.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

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Friday, July 8.—Bull Ring, Mrs. Bessie Smith, 7 p.m.; Corporation and Steelhouse Lane, Miss Hilda Burkitt, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 9.—Cycling Scouts to Lichfield meet Trinity Church, Birchfield, 2.45 p.m.
Sunday, July 10.—Small Heath Park Gates, Golden Hillock Road Entrance, Miss Edith Dale, 3.30 p.m.
Monday, July 11.—Winson Green Road and Peel Street, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Miss Bertha Ryland, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12.—Queen's College, At Home, Dr. Letitia Fairfield, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13.—Witton Road and Aston Lane, Miss Edith Dale, Mrs. Ball, 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 14.—Gosta Green, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Miss Hobbs, 8 p.m.
Friday, July 15.—Bull Ring, Miss Gladys Hazel, 7 p.m.

COVENTRY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Dawson, St. Peter's Vicarage.

Thursday, July 14.—Poole Meadow, Miss Dorothy Evans, 7.30 p.m.

LEAMINGTON.

Organiser—Miss Evans, 33, Paradise Street, Birmingham.
Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Bull, Ashton House.

Wednesday, July 13.—The Obelisk, Miss Dorothy Evans, 7.30 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester. Tel., 1715 Leicester.
Organisers—Miss D. Pethick, Miss D. A. Bowker.

Please send in names of all able to go to London on July 23. Further particulars later. There are vacancies on the newspaper pitch on Friday and Saturday. Volunteers are earnestly requested to call at the Shop, where all information and Competition cards can be had.

NORTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT.

W.S.P.U. Organiser—Miss Corson, 10, Holly Road

During the week Miss Tyson has addressed two meetings, one on the Market Square, and another at Ambleside, over which Mr. Croft presided. Further details next week.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—6, Carlton Street. Tel., 4311.
Organisers—Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts.

A Demonstration is being arranged for Monday, July 18, at 7.30 p.m., in the Market Place. Handbills are ready for distribution. Will members call at the Shop and volunteer for service? To make the Demonstration a success everyone must work hard to advertise it thoroughly. Miss Roberts will be glad to receive subscriptions towards expenses. A party is being arranged to join the Demonstration in London on the 23rd inst. Further particulars next week.

RUGBY.

Wednesday, July 13.—The Market Place, Miss Hilda Burkitt, 7.30 p.m.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Helen Boswell, 117, Dunstall Road.

Monday, July 11.—Market Place, Miss Hilda Burkitt, 7.30 p.m.

West of England.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel., 1348.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

By means of successful open-air meetings, and letters from electors, the Government are being urged to grant facilities for the Bill. Prominent Liberals interviewed have been found without exception anxious for the question to be settled. A special appeal is made to all members to come out and sell VOTES FOR WOMEN. Details about the Pageant will be given later.

NEWPORT AND SOUTH WALES.

Office—18, Clarence Place.
W.S.P.U. Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, B.Sc.

An open-air meeting addressed by Mrs. Bouvier, Miss Haig's garden At Home (at which Mrs. Bouvier spoke), an evening meeting at Panteg (speaker Miss Howey), and Mrs. D. A. Thomas' meeting of teachers at Llanwern Park, are reported this week. At the last Mrs. Mansell gave a most interesting address, and a resolution was unanimously passed calling on the member for Newport, Mr. Haslam, to vote for the second reading of the Bill and to urge the Government to grant full facilities this Session. The resolution was sent to Mr. Haslam.

Eastern Counties.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich.

Mrs. Pankhurst will visit Ipswich on Monday, July 18. Members are deeply grateful to Mr. Howells, who has very kindly put his shop at disposal as a meeting-place for workers. Time is short, and help is urgently needed: writing, canvassing, bill distributing. A special appeal is made to everyone to call at the Committee Rooms, 22B, Westgate Street (close to Public Hall), any time after 10 a.m. Those wishing for a seat in brakes leaving Barrack Corner, 2.45 p.m. for Lady Constance Lytton's meeting, who have not already applied, should do so immediately. Tickets (3d. each) for Mrs. Mansel's meeting (see below) are on sale at the above address, also at the Committee Rooms. A Special Day Excursion to London will leave Ipswich at 8.48 a.m. on July 23, returning from Liverpool Street at 8.45 p.m. Fare 4s. 3d.

Monday, July 11.—Burstall, The Cottage, At Home, Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Mansel. Hostess: Mrs. Cranfield, 3.30 p.m.; St. Mary Elms Parish Room, Mrs. Mansel, 8 p.m.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 68, Manningham Lane, Bradford.

It is hoped that large numbers will avail themselves of the cheap (2s.) return fares from Bradford to Harrogate on the 22nd, so as to make this grand demonstration both successful and representative. Kursaal tickets should be obtained from the organiser as soon as possible, or, in Bradford, from Mrs. Beldon, 9, Walmer Villas, Manningham. Cheap fares to London for the 23rd will be obtainable, as on the last occasion. The organiser will be glad to have names quickly so as to make arrangements with the railway company. Day trips, leaving Exchange 7.5 a.m. returning 10.45 p.m., can be had for 11s.; week-ends, returning 10.45 Monday night, are 6s.

HARROGATE AND ILKLEY.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 109, Valley Drive, Harrogate.

By special arrangement with the Kursaal authorities, a grand meeting will be held on Friday, July 22, when Mrs. Pankhurst and Lady Constance Lytton will speak. By the terms of the arrangement the Union derives a special advantage from tickets sold in advance through the organiser, and so members and friends are earnestly asked, for the sake of the cause, and to ensure good seats, to make themselves responsible without delay, for the largest possible number for sale or distribution among friends. The prices are as usual for the Kursaal special matinées—3s., 2s. and 1s. It is hoped and expected that this meeting will be a united demonstration of all who support the Bill, quite irrespective of policy or method. Excursions to London on the 23rd can be had as before—*i.e.*, day excursions, 13s. 6d.; Saturday to Monday, 18s. 6d. Members from other parts of the country spending holidays in Harrogate, Ilkley, or that district, are urgently requested to communicate with the organiser without delay.

Friday, July 8.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss J. Millar Wilson, Miss Mary Phillips, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss Brooke-Smith, Miss Mary Phillips, 7.30 p.m.
Friday, July 15.—Harrogate, The Stray, Miss Mary Phillips, 3 p.m.

HULL.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 203, Westgate Road.

The keenest interest is shown in the Women's Bill. At Annfield Plain, a Liberal stronghold, a resolution calling upon the Government to grant facilities this Session was passed without a single dissentient. This result has been sent to the Prime Minister and Mr. Atherley-Jones, the local M.P. All energies are concentrated on the open-air demonstration, July 16, and the London demonstration on the 23rd. Come to the office for information!

Friday, July 8.—Gateshead, Miss Williams and others, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, July 9.—Whiteley Bay Tram Terminus, Miss Williams and others, 3.30 p.m.
Monday, July 11.—Backworth, Miss Williams and Miss N. Balls, 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12.—Stiremoor, Miss Williams and others, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13.—77, Blackett Street, Sewing Party for Bazaar, 3 to 5 p.m.; Meeting, Miss Williams and others, 7.30 p.m.
Friday, July 15.—Hartley, Miss Williams, Miss N. Balls, 7.30 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Suffield, 92, Barwick Street.
Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

Saturday, July 9.—West Pier, 3.30 p.m.
Monday, July 11.—Thompson Road (Eccles Hall Road), 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12.—Hillsborough Tram Terminus, Miss Edith Irons, 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 45, Marlborough Road, Sheffield.

A Demonstration will be held on the Crookes Moor Recreation Ground on Saturday, July 16, at 8.30 p.m. Speakers: Miss Annie Kenney, the Rev. Gifford Ogston, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Miss Irons, Dr. Mackenzie, Miss Suffield and others.

North-Western Counties.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office—164, Oxford Road, Manchester. Tel.: 3621 Manchester City.
Organisers—Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rona Robinson.

Members are asked to be present and to steward and sell papers at the joint Demonstrations of the W.S.P.U. and the Women's Freedom League on Saturday and Sunday. For particulars see below. Contributions, names of those intending to join in the London Demonstration on July 23, and all offers of help may be sent to the office.

Friday, July 8.—Upper Brook Street and High Street, 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 9.—Urmston Fair Ground, Demonstration.
Sunday, July 10.—Alexandra Park, Demonstration, 3.30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12.—Levenshulme, Mayfield Road, 8 p.m.
Thursday, July 14.—Broadheath, 8 p.m.
Friday, July 15.—Old Trafford, Henrietta Street, 8 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—28, Berry Street. Tel. 3761 Royal.
Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.

The Demonstration on St. George's Plateau fixed for July 9 is postponed until July 16. Help of all members is wanted, for chalking, giving out handbills, and on the day, for selling VOTES FOR WOMEN and taking collections. Volunteers should send in their names to Miss Flatman. The At Homes at 48, Mount Pleasant are discontinued for the present, but the office is open on Tuesday evenings for work and discussion, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Gratefully acknowledged, £10 donation from "Two Sisters." It is hoped that an even larger contingent than on June 18 will go from Liverpool on July 23 for the great Demonstration. Miss Flatman is arranging for a special train and names should be sent in without delay. Many thanks are due to Miss Geraldine Lyster who has just completed a year's voluntary service to the Union, and who has worked hard, every and all day, with untiring devotion.

Saturday, August 2.—New Brighton Landing Stage, Ramble, 2.30 p.m.
Monday, July 11.—Wellington Column, Miss Flatman, 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 12.—28, Berry Street, Discussion and Exhibition Work, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13.—Birkenhead, 6, James Road, Dr. Alice Ker, Working Party.
Thursday, July 14.—Birkenhead, Park Gates, Miss Flatman, 8 p.m.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—12, Bevill Street.
Organiser—Miss Dora Marsden.

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Tuesday, July 12.—13, Nevill Street, Working Party, 3 p.m.; 21, Derby Road, Working Party, 7 p.m.
Thursday, July 14.—13, Nevill Street, Working Party, 3 p.m.; 21, Derby Road, Working Party, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 15.—13, Nevill Street, Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Scotland.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—8, Melville Place, Queensferry Street. Organiser—Miss Burns. Tel: 6183 Central.

Next week and the following open-air meetings will be held all over Edinburgh in support of the Bill. Among many other attractions, the Prison Cells shown in London and Glasgow will be on exhibition to-morrow.

Saturday, July 9.—Portobello, Corliesdene, Garden Sale, Mrs. Lamartine Yates, 2.30 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street. Tel: 515, Charing Cross.

Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie, 8, Rockside, Gourock (pro. tem).

Will all members who can come to London for the great Demonstration on the 23rd send in their names at once to Miss Wylie. Even greater efforts to secure a large contingent for this great and—it is hoped—final effort must be made than on the last occasion. Members and sympathisers, come in full force. The two outdoor meetings in Rothesay on Saturday were very successful. The second was held in the rain, but the audience did not flinch. 112 VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold, and many questions were put. The organiser has to thank Miss Frances McPhun for her very generous contribution to the funds. Having worked with great devotion this splendid worker fines herself for not having worked "hard enough"! This is the spirit which makes the Union.

Friday, July 8.—Girvan, Miss Wylie; Chair, Miss Hannan.

PROTEST FROM NEW ZEALAND.

It is good to learn that our sisters in New Zealand have sent to the Prime Minister a strong protest against the treatment meted out in England to women who are fighting for their rights. After expressing their amazement at the imprisonment of women suffragists, the writers end the letter as follows: "We can have no doubt as to the final issue of the struggle. And we submit that it will be to the lasting credit of your Government to vindicate the honour of Parliament by righting in the only manner possible the wrong which has been done." The letter is signed by Fanny Cole (President of the Women's Christian Temperance Union), and Margaret Foster (President of the Canterbury Women's Institute, Christchurch, New Zealand).

THE INTERNATIONAL SUFFRAGE PAPER.

Suffragists who wish to keep in touch with the advance of the movement in all countries of the world should make a point of ordering regularly the organ of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, which is called "*Jus Suffragii*." It is edited by Miss Martina G. Kramers, 92, Kruisgade, Rotterdam, from whom it can be obtained, and a sample copy will be sent free to anyone writing for it. A proof of the value of the journal may be gathered from the fact that the report on woman suffrage presented to the French Chamber was compiled principally from facts published in this journal.

HOW TO HELP.

A member of the W.S.P.U. has undertaken to show a poster of the Procession in her dining-room window, and to drive about London with posters and handbills as often as possible between now and the 23rd. Perhaps other members may be able to help in similar ways.

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Mrs. Oliver Belmont, the President of the Political Equality Association of America, accompanied by Miss Inez Milholland, a Vassar student, has just arrived in England with the intention of studying the suffrage movement here. Mrs. Belmont is keenly interested in militant methods, and recently supported the New York shirt waist strikers when they rebelled against unjust treatment. It is interesting to learn that on board the "Lusitania," by which Mrs. Belmont travelled, a suffrage meeting was held and was addressed by the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew and Judge Gerard. £30 was collected for the cause.

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The membership is going up by leaps and bounds, and there is every reason to hope for a good contingent in the coming Demonstration. Members will again act as banner bearers for the W.S.P.U., and instructions will be sent out in due course. The weekly At Home was well attended on Monday afternoon, and many new faces were seen. The deficit on the last Procession has now been wiped off, but further financial support will be doubly welcome in view of the new one. Already acknowledged:—£89 9s. 3d.; G. H. Lay, 5s.; Alexander G. Ionides, 1s. 6d.; Victor M. Levy, 2s. 6d.; Miss M. E. Willson, 5s.; Miss Dorothy Meike, 2s. 6d.; Edward Vulliamy, £2 2s.; Miss Casey, 5s.; S. Lorsignol, 9s.; Alexander S. Ballantine, 4s.; F. W. Pethick Lawrence, £5 5s.; Misses Florence and Beatrice Sotheran, £2 2s.; Ernest J. Follett, 10s.; Bertram A. Marks, 1s. 6d.; Reginald H. Pott, £5; F. A. Bather, 3s.; Carrie and Annie—"A token of great admiration for the Gentlemen of the M.P.U.", 1s.; entrance fees, 9s.; collection, 16s.; profit on teas, 4s.; total, £107 17s. 3d.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

The First Annual Meeting of the Kensington Branch was held on June 23 at 19, Phillimore Gardens, W., by kind invitation of the vice-chairman, Miss Chadwick, who, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the great progress made by the branch since its formation a little more than a year ago. During that time its membership has been nearly trebled. A great many very successful meetings have been held, and a number of new and enthusiastic workers gained for the cause. Most interesting addresses were given by Mrs. Percy Boulonis, the Rev. Hugh Chapman, Miss Keeling, and others, and an appeal from the chair for a fund to provide a salary for a paid assistant (rendered necessary by the enormous increase in the work) resulted in the greater part of the money being given or promised by those present. The last of the committee's informal social evenings took place on the 24th, when Miss Muriel Thompson, Miss Keeling, and Miss Rose Graham spoke, and an interesting discussion on the political situation followed.

TO NEW SPEAKERS.

The speakers' class so successfully conducted by Miss Brackenbury and Miss Rosa Leo for several months past will adjourn from the middle of July until after the summer holidays. Meanwhile, from the 16th to the 23rd the speakers trained at the class will be asked to undertake speaking engagements in preparation for the great Demonstration. All particulars of these classes may be obtained from Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.

Cinematograph pictures of the Great Procession on June 18 are being shown every afternoon and evening at the Cinema de Paris, Bear Street, Leicester Square, and the Casino de Paris, 291a, Oxford Street. Suffragettes wearing badges will be admitted for half-price.

THE ACTRESSES FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

A very successful and largely attended At Home was held at the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant last Friday. Several new subscribers and many new members were added. The speakers were:—Countess Russell, Miss Gertrude Kingston, Mr. Mansell-Moullin and Mrs. Pankhurst, who came instead of Miss Mary Gawthorpe, and who had an enthusiastic reception. Mrs. Bernard Shaw was in the chair. These At Homes will be resumed early in the Autumn.

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Members and friends are looking forward with considerable pleasure to Miss Gladice Keevil's visit to Belfast in the third week in July. Miss Keevil will be the guest of Mrs. Milliken, at Holywood, and meetings are being arranged in Belfast and the neighbouring towns.

Miss Beatrice Forbes Robertson, who arrived in New York on June 29, was married on arrival to Mr. Swinburn Hale. Both Mr. and Mrs. Swinburn Hale are hoping to advance the Suffrage cause during their autumn tour in America.

A correspondent writes to call attention to the abuses of the Factory Acts which exist in the dressmaking trade. In one place, says our correspondent, young apprentices are kept working as late as ten o'clock, and are then sent home with more work to do.

The electors at Poole have been much amused at a letter sent by Major Guest's election agent to the Secretary of the N.U.W.S.S., in which he states that he is too young a politician to take any interest in woman suffrage.

The following lines, written by the late Mrs. Dring for the use of the Bowes Park W.S.P.U., and signed "R. R." (Ruth Robson), will be of interest to other workers in this great cause. Mrs. Dring's death at Gateshead was alluded to under "In Memoriam" in VOTES FOR WOMEN of June 24.

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And help us ne'er to pause
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Sustain us in the fight,
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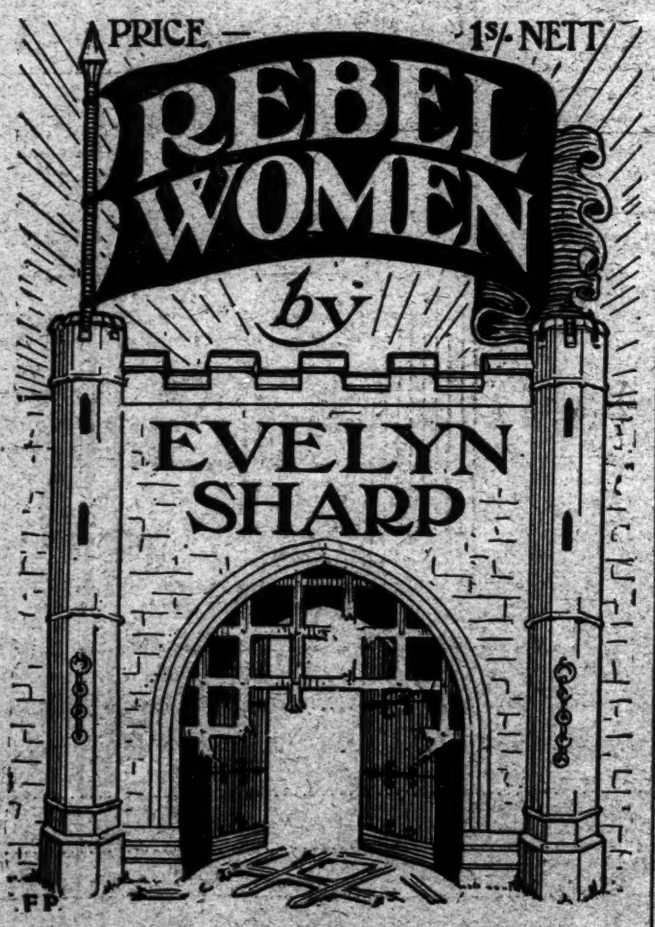

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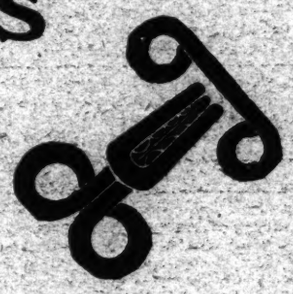

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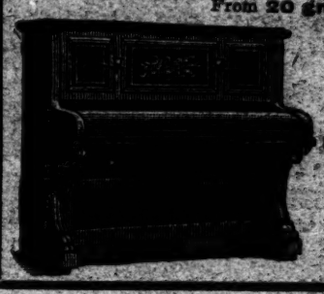

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